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CHINA'S STRONG PROTEST.

DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL OF JAPAN'S TROOPS.

"WHOLE COUNTRY IS INTENSELY INDIGNANT."

BRITAIN'S HANKOW POLICY.

Accusations that Japan has committed acts violating treaty obligations and China's sovereignty, are contained in a Note which the Peking Foreign Office have handed to the Japanese Legation in connexion with the despatch of Japanese troops to Tsinanfu and Tsingtao. The Note adds that the sending of troops has created intense indignation throughout the whole country, and the Chinese Government demands their immediate withdrawal.

As indicated yesterday, severe fighting has broken out on the Shantung front, a reverse and successful counter-attack for the Southern forces being reported. A Southern report claims the capture of Yenchow and the retreat of the Shantung troops, but another report indicates that decisive fighting in the vicinity has yet to occur.

Answering questions in the House of Commons regarding the likelihood of British re-occupation of the Hankow concession, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated that the British decision not to take this step remained unchanged. The Government would take full responsibility for that decision.

In reply to another question, Sir Austen declared that for the present it was intended to withdraw only the Indian Brigade, which was originally sent merely because it could arrive on the scene quickly.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN SHANTUNG.

Peking July 13. Following verbal protest by the Foreign Office to the Japanese Legation on July 11, a Note has been handed in, which is published this afternoon, expressing great astonishment that the Government regarding the despatch of Japanese troops to Tsinanfu have not received due attention from the Japanese Government, but, on the contrary, advantage has been taken of the defection of some of General Sun Chuan-fang's troops to despatch Japanese troops to Tsinanfu, and replace them with fresh troops from Dairen.

The Japanese Government, which consistently professed friendship to China, has thus ignored Chinese protests and committed acts violating Japan's treaty obligations and China's sovereignty. The despatch of troops has created intense indignation throughout the whole country, and the Chinese Government therefore demands the immediate withdrawal of troops from Tsinanfu and from Tsingtao, and also the recall of any further sent.

The Chinese Government earnestly hopes for an early and satisfactory reply.—*Reuter.*

SEVERE FIGHTING.
Reverse and Counter-Attack.

Nanking, July 13. Severe fighting appears to be taking place on the Shantung front. The Southerners met with a reverse two or three days ago, being forced to retire on a wide front. A foreign report received to-day from Meichow, however, states that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's forces have counter-attacked with success and have recovered lost ground as far as Linching.

A China Merchants steamer passed up river to-day with about 3,000 Nationalist troops on board.—*Naval Wireless.*

Obscure Hankow Situation.
Shanghai, July 13. There has been no change in the situation, which remains quiet. Nothing untoward has been reported from the Yangtze river ports, and the situation at Hankow is still very obscure.—*Naval Wireless.*

HANKOW'S TROOPS.
Large Numbers on the Move.

Kiukiang, July 13. The Hankow Government continues to send troops down river, and large numbers of soldiers of the 4th and 11th Hankow Armies arrived at Kiukiang to-day. The situation is at present quiet.—*Naval Wireless.*

SHANTUNG FIGHTING.
Capture of Yenchow Claimed.

Shanghai, July 14. A Nanking report states that military trains are once again running to Lincheng. The next big battle is likely to be at Yenchow, and Marshal Chang Tsung-chang has sent all the Fukienese troops under General Chai Chiang Kai-shek on the Kiaochow-Tsinan line to the Yenchow front. The Nationalists claim that Yenchow was captured by the 10th, and 40th, armies and that the Shantung troops are retreating to Tai-an which is now the Shantung frontier.

The army under General Wang Pu is under orders to proceed to the Shantung front. Troops of the army were reviewed by Marshal Chai Chiang Kai-shek and General Ho Ying-ching in Shiao-yang, Nanking, yesterday.

Another General Holiday.
The Nationalist Government announces that a general holiday will be observed on the 15th to celebrate the first anniversary of the commencement of the Northern Expedition which was started from Canton that date last year.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

HANKOW INTERESTS.
British View Unchanged.

London, July 13. Questioned in the House of Commons as regards Hankow, Sir Austen Chamberlain repeated the decision mentioned on May 9, not to re-occupy Hankow. He told Mr. Peto, who asked whether the decision was based on expert advice of the naval, military and mercantile community in China, that the Government would take full responsibility for its own decision. It would consult such people and take such advice as it thought expedient.

It was impossible to say what might be necessary to protect British interests at Hankow, four months hence, but providing the situation had not changed, a substantial force would be maintained throughout the winter.—*Reuter.*

ILLEGAL TAXES.

SHANGHAI BUSINESS MENACED.

BLACK OUTLOOK FOR TRADE.

Shanghai, July 13. The Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter to the Senior Consul saying that at a Committee meeting of the Chamber yesterday, at which representatives of the American, Belgian, British, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Netherlands and Swedish Chambers were present, the Chairman was instructed to convey to the Senior Consul the following expression of opinion on the subject of the newly-imposed taxes recently promulgated by the local and Chinese authorities, the increase in tonnage dues and the embargo on specie.

"The meeting desires to enter a strong protest against the illegal surtaxes and luxury taxes recently promulgated and also the increase of tonnage dues. Furthermore, the grounds that the same are principally for the purpose of financing China's Civil wars."

"In view of recent events at Hankow, the Chamber also views with grave concern the embargo imposed on specie."

In order that the above-mentioned may be discussed and a ruling obtained from the Consular Body with reference to the attitude foreign merchants and shippers should adopt regarding payment of the increased taxes, the Chamber requests that it be permitted to send an international deputation to call upon the Senior Consul.

Collection By the North.
The Northern authorities are collecting the two and a half per cent surtax and the five per cent luxury tax, but it is understood that the Japanese are refusing to collect these at Antung and Dairen.

No Consolation.
Mr. Cunningham, the United States Consul General, who is the senior Consul, received a deputation this afternoon. It is understood he conveyed very little comfort, but conveyed the impression that the Consular Body would not protest. He recommended the business men of each nation to take up the matter with their respective Consuls.

Mr. Cunningham considered that the outlook for foreign trade in China was very black. The deputation left without any hopeful feeling.—*Reuter.*

Powers Taking Note.
London, July 13. In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the situation arising from the new Nanking taxes was being considered by the Governments concerned, in consultation with their representatives in China.—*Reuter.*

Canton Request.
Canton, July 13. The Chamber of Commerce has asked the government to defer putting the new tax of 12½ per cent on imported goods into operation until October 1st. This is upon the protest of the merchants that they are unable to meet this high duty. It is proposed to hold a meeting on August 1st to examine the rates of duty imposed by other countries.

THE C.N.C. STRIKE.
THE IMPASSE CONTINUES.

The China Navigation Company strike impasse remains as complete as ever, and at present there is little prospect of an early termination to the dispute between the European floating-staff and the Company.

The local situation is not affected by the arrival from the North yesterday of the s.s. Shantung, which is officered by men drawn from different vessels tied up at Shanghai. The Shantung brought a good cargo, including 550 tons for Hongkong, and 2,050 tons for Canton.

The vessel will clear for Canton to-day, it is understood, and will return to Hongkong to load for Northern ports.

The Shantung also carried 17 European passengers and 84 deck passengers.

Enquiries to-day revealed that there has been no further development.

SQUATTERS HAVE TO QUIT.

OTHER ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE.

NO HARDSHIP LIKELY.

It would appear that efforts to clear away settlements of squatters in Kowloon are being made by the Government.

So a *Telegraph* representative gathered when he made enquiries this morning, with reference to the notices to quit which have been served on squatters at Kap Shek Mei village, a report of which was given in these columns yesterday.

This village, which comprises between 300 and 400 huts, is situated between the Taiipo Road and Cheung Sha Wan, near Shamshipo.

According to vernacular press reports, about 1,000 Chinese were informed this morning that such a state of affairs was extremely unlikely as it is known that there is accommodation which can be found elsewhere cheaply enough to suit the pockets of these squatters.

Furthermore, it was pointed out that they cultivate the land in an insanitary manner, and as they are likely to move about it was extremely difficult for Inspectors to keep trace of them.

The land they are occupying in this village is Crown land for which, as far as is at present known, no rent or taxes are paid, but it was stated this morning that if any of the squatters were engaged in commercial work.

ASIA-MINOR QUAKE.
Casualty List Mounts.

Jerusalem, July 13. The death toll in the earthquake continues to mount. Fifteen additional deaths are reported from Ludd.

The official figures for Trans-Jordan are: 9 killed and 35 seriously injured at Amman; 35 and 34 at Essat, 20 and 32 for the rest of Trans-Jordan, respectively.

The damage is estimated at £250,000.—*Reuter.*

Exaggerated Reports.
The Chinese press reports, we were informed, were grossly exaggerated, and although the exact number of notices served cannot be ascertained at present, the number is considerably below three hundred.

It was stated in the vernacular newspaper reports that the villagers were in a despairing condition, and intended to appeal to Sir Shou-sen Chow and the Hon. Dr. Kotewall for assistance.

Interviewed this morning, Dr. Kotewall said that such representations had been made, with the result that he himself, together with Sir Shou-sen Chow, paid a visit to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, where it was promised that enquiries would be made immediately and sympathetically.

TREATY WITH HEDJAZ SIGNED.
BRITISH NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDE.

London, July 13. A treaty that has been under negotiation between Sir Gilbert Clayton Air, representing the British Government, and King Ibn Saud, of the Hedjaz, has been completed, and will be published after ratification.—*British Wireless.*

THE RHINELAND GARRISONS.
BRITAIN'S QUOTA THE SMALLEST.

London, July 13. The War Minister, answering a question regarding the present numbers of Allied troops on the Rhine, said they comprised 7,800 British, 56,500 French, and 6,800 Belgian troops.—*British Wireless.*

FRANCO-GERMAN COMMERCE.
NEW CUSTOMS BILL PASSED.

Paris, July 13. The Chamber by 450 votes to 26 has passed the Customs Bill, empowering the Government to conclude commercial negotiations with Germany.—*Reuter.*

THERE AND BACK.

BRITISH AIRMAN TO FLY ATLANTIC.

"HOP" TO U.S. AND RETURN.

London, July 13. Captain Courtney will, if the weather permits, leave Calshot aerodrome on Saturday in his attempt to fly across the Atlantic and back.

Final tests of his Dormier Napier flying boat, are to be made to-morrow during an extended flight round the Isle of Wight, to test the wireless installation and petrol consumption details.

On Saturday he will fly from Calshot to Valencia, in Ireland, where the machine will be filled with petrol, which will take about three hours.

Capt. Courtney will then immediately depart for Newfoundland, en route for New York.—*British Wireless.*

Farman Brothers' Venture.
Paris, July 13. Although the aviator Drouhin has contracted with Levine to pilot the "Columbia" monoplane back to America, the Farman brothers are still determined that a Goliath aeroplane, which was originally intended for Drouhin to fly from Paris to New York, shall attempt the Atlantic flight as soon as possible.

For this purpose they have selected the well-known commercial flier Givon as pilot.—*Reuter.*

AMAZING GOLF.
"BOBBY" JONES SETS NEW RECORD.

London, July 13. In the British open golf championship contest at St. Andrews, "Bobby" Jones played amazing golf in the first round, doing it in 68, a 32 and 36, beating the amateur record for the course by three strokes, and equalling Duncan's professional record.

The leaders in the first round are Jones and the Australian, Nettlesford, with 68 and 71 respectively, next coming Dobson, of East Renfrew, Storey, of West Hill, Hudson, of Tenby, Kirkwood, W. Torrance, of Edinburgh, and Murray, of Skerries, each with 72.

Amongst the others are Compton with 74, Braid 75, Barnes, Robson, Aubrey Boomer, and Taylor 76, Tolley and the Americans Naboltz and Melhorn 77, and Tweddell 78.

Jones' Play.
Five thousand people followed Jones, who did the eighteen holes in 4, 5, 4, 4, 3, 3, 4, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4, 5, 4, 4, 4.

He was bunkered at the second, and took two to get out, then holed a 12-yarder.

He was on the fifth green, a distance of 580 yards, in two, and holed a 30-yarder, amid cheers, for three. Thereafter he had an "eagle" and shot "birdies."

The first bad shot was at the tenth, when he drove short and duffed a chip shot. He also had a nasty lie at the fourteenth, which cost him three to reach the green. He holed out at the eighteenth to a deafening ovation.—*Reuter.*

HYGIENIC FOOD.
TRIBUTE TO SHANGHAI FACTORIES.

London, July 13. A "bouquet" was handed to Shanghai by the M.P., Mr. Isidore Salmon, speaking at the Royal Sanitary Institute conference at Hastings.

He declared that there was nothing in England or the United States to excel the thoroughness and skill of certain "wonderfully hygienic" food-packing factories at Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

LORD COWDRAY'S ESTATE.
AN EXCHEQUER WINDFALL.

London, July 13. The unsettled estate of the late Lord Cowdray is valued at £4,000,000.

So far as is at present ascertainable, the death duty payable will be £1,600,000.—*Reuter.*

TO-DAY.
Dollars on demand 1/11.15/16 Lighting-up 7.11 p.m.

NAVAL AGREEMENT UNLIKELY?

LATEST REPORTS ARE LESS OPTIMISTIC.

DEADLOCK IS NOW FEARED.

Washington, July 13. Indications are forthcoming that Mr. Kellogg does not share President Coolidge's optimism as to the outcome of the Geneva naval conference. Although he is reluctant to admit the possibility of the conference failing, he does not disguise his fears that it may prove a herculean task to reconcile the high British and low Japanese figures in a manner acceptable to America.

Nevertheless, a strong feeling prevails in unofficial and well-informed circles that rather than the Coolidge conference should collapse, the State Department is prepared to compromise finally on the basis of the British proposals.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Japan May Withdraw.
London, July 13. That some sticks have still to be jumped before a naval agreement can be reached, is indicated in today's Geneva report that the Japanese delegate, Mr. Saburi, interviewed by Reuter regarding a Tokyo report indicating the possibility of Japan's withdrawing from the conference rather than agreeing to any proposal entailing an increase in armaments, said the Japanese had gone to Geneva to obtain a limitation of armaments, and were unable to agree to any treaty involving an increase of naval construction.

"We however will not interfere if the British and Americans reach an agreement."

Mr. Hugh Gibson, interviewed, said the American figure for large cruisers was hypothetical, and an agreement depended on a British-Japanese understanding.—*Reuter.*

Goodwill Prevails.
London, July 13. The heads of the delegations at the Geneva naval limitation conference to-day considered proposals for dealing with the big-cruiser problem.

The utmost goodwill is said to prevail among the delegates, and although an official statement has not yet been made, it is reported that good progress with the problem was made at the morning session.—*British Wireless.*

Japan's Attitude.
Tokyo, July 13. It is learned on good authority that the Japanese delegates at Geneva are determined to withdraw rather than agree to any proposal entailing an increase of armaments, though, if they do so, they will remain as observers, the same as the French and Italian.—*Reuter.*

STOP PRESS.
IS FENG A TURN-COAT?

Shanghai, July 14. The Chinese civil war appears to be entering yet another phase, reports from Peking stating that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is withdrawing to Pukow, fearing an attack on Nanking from Hankow.

A wireless message from Kiukiang states that many Hankow troops have arrived there, and General Chang Fuk-kuai, who is commanding them, stating that he will attack Nanking.

A Peking report states that if a real clash between Hankow and Nanking develops, much will depend on the attitude of General Feng Yuhsiang. Well-informed circles are sceptical as to the sincerity of his recent alliance with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. There are increasing indications that he is more likely to assist Hankow.—*Reuter.*

H.K. AIR TRAGEDY.

SEARCH FOR VICTIM ABANDONED.

FUNERAL RITES OVER SPOT.

No trace of Flying Officer L. W. H. Phillips, or of the ill-fated Flycatcher in which he met his death when it crashed at Cheung Chau on Tuesday, has been found in spite of a thorough scouring of the West Lamma Channel.

No further hope of finding the unfortunate officer alive is entertained, and search has now been abandoned.

An impressive burial service was held on board H.M.S. Hermes yesterday afternoon at 3.30 p.m. over the presumed spot where the fatal crash occurred, and colours were half-masted from 3.30 to 4 p.m., while the service was in progress.

Cause of the Accident.
Further light is thrown on the cause of the tragic crash by the story of Mr. C. J. Lowe who says that the engine back-fired and stopped entirely when the machine was flying at an altitude of about 1,500 feet. It glided for some distance, suddenly nose-dived and turned turtle, falling into the sea about one mile east of the Channel Rocks. A strange feature in connexion with the headlong fall is the fact that the seaplane, before it actually entered the water nose first, appeared to be bent between the engine and the cockpit.

A dull explosion followed the Flycatcher's contact with the water, and it submerged immediately.

Accompanied by Mr. Wilson, as we reported yesterday, Mr. Lowe rowed to the spot in the hope of being able to render assistance to the airman, but, after an hour and a half's searching, they saw no sign of the unfortunate officer or of his machine. The floats were towed to Lan Tong beach, and a report made to the Cheung Chau Police Station.

No Previous Crash.
A similarity of names and initials were responsible for an unfortunate error in our report of the crash yesterday. We have now established that the deceased officer, Flying Officer L. W. H. Phillips was not the same officer who crashed on the arrival of H.E. The Governor in 1925. The officer who crashed on that occasion was Flying Officer W. H. Phillips, who has now left the Royal Air Force.

CLEMENCEAU BETTER.
BACK TO NORMAL DIET.

Paris, July 13. M. Clemenceau has improved, and his doctor has authorised a resumption of normal diet.—*Reuter.*

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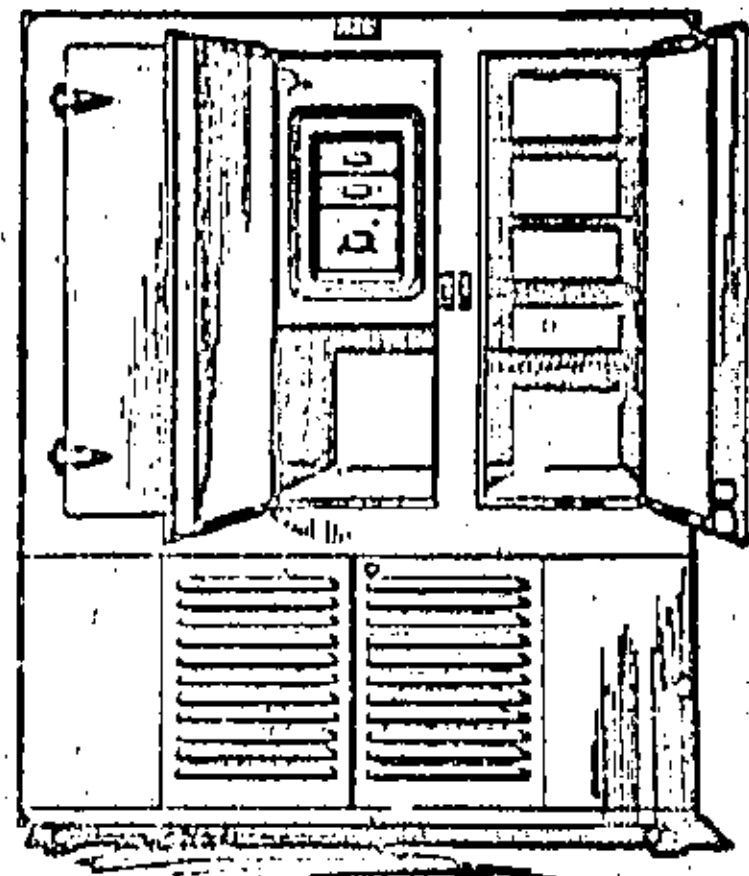
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CANTON SITUATION.

BANDITS AND REDS ATTACKING RAILWAYS.

Canton, July 13.
It appears that the North River military situation is becoming more serious.

According to information obtained from military circles here General Chien Ta-chun's expeditionary force, which recently entered Kiangsi, has retreated back into this province. However, it is denied that such retreat was due to a setback. The reported fall of Nanyang, an important city on the Kiangsi border, is also denied, although there are reasons to believe that this city is now in great danger.

Large forces of troops are being concentrated in Shikwan.

Some troops, however, have been posted to Yingtak and other places along the Canton-Shikwan railway line, which is also threatened by the Red army under Chen Ka-yau from the Small North River.

Very little information is obtainable as to the actual whereabouts of the Red army of Chen Ka-yau, who recently re-entered the province from Hunan. They are believed to have been scattered, but Chen's army has been considerably reinforced since re-entering Kwangtung. Chen's army is in control of a number of the districts in the north-western part of the province, but these territories are "poor" and he can hardly raise sufficient funds to feed his army. Therefore he is now attempting to break through the railway line, for the capture of any part of the railway will mean that Shikwan can be easily taken. To safeguard the railway, the entire 16th Division of General Li Fuk-lam's army was sent up from Canton.

Yesterday a telegram was received from the Magistrate of Yingtak that the notorious bandit rank in Yungyuen under their chief Chen Po-him started an attack on the Yingtak district a few days ago and although the bandits have been driven back to Yungyuen, reinforcements are needed imperatively for the defence of Yingtak district.

In view of the serious military situation, General Li Chai-sum, the acting Commander-in-Chief, has instructed the Garrison Commanders in the different parts of the province that they can mobilize troops and declare martial law at their own discretion.

General Chien Ta-chun is going up in a few days to direct the North river operations. General Li Fuk-lam, whose troops are participating in the North River military operations, will probably go up also.

General Ho Chi-wuh, the Eastern Kwangtung Garrison Commander, who recently visited Canton has returned to Swatow to resume active charge of military affairs there.

Reinforcements Sought from Kwangsi.

Canton, July 13.

General Li Kan-yun, representing General Fan Shik-sang in Canton returned to Kwangsi yesterday taking an order from the Canton authorities to General Fan requiring that Fan's army report in Canton within two weeks time.

General Fan's army had been ordered to proceed from Kwangsi to the Hunan front for some time but their advance has been rather slow owing to the "lack of funds and ammunition" and General Li Kan-yun was recently sent to Canton to confer General Li Chai-sum on the sending of supplies.

"Since the Reds from Hunan and Kiangsi are again threatening the North River and troops in this province are not quite sufficient to cope with the present military situation, the military authorities here are asking General Fan to send his army to Canton speedily."—F. A. C.

HANKOW TO-DAY.

BORODIN TAKING NO CHANCES.

A "foreigner who arrived in Shanghai from Hankow," states that conditions at all the Yangtze ports can only be described as terrible.

At Ichang, merchant ships, the property of American, French and Italian steamship companies have been commandeered and are being used to transport troops to Wansien and district. This port has been systematically looted by the retreating troops of General Yang Sen, notorious perpetrator of the Wansien outrage.

At Hankow, Russian communists are leaving. Formerly they were paid in gold dollars, now they receive Central Bank notes. A badge in enamel was produced by this gentleman which he asserts is a facsimile of those worn by Russian Communists in that port. On the face of it is the Kuomintang emblem—"the white sun in a blue sky." Under the flag are nine Chinese characters which being translated are as follows:—"Nationalist Government—member of the military committee." Underneath this on a blue ground is the Soviet emblem, the hammer, sickle and rifle, the rifle being placed over the other two. On the reverse side is the number of the person in whose favour the badge has been issued.

Anti-Feng Slogan.

The N. C. D. News informant asserts that Hankow is plastered with the following slogan:—"Down with Feng Yu-hsiang and Chiang Kai-shek—two traitors to the Nationalist Government." He also says that Hsu Chien (Minister of Justice) Wang Ching-wei (Chairman of the Central Executive of the Kuomintang) and Sun Fo (Minister of Communications and son of Sun Yat-sen) are Borodin's closest friends. The above three ministers accompanied Borodin to Chengchow in Honan to a conference with Feng Yu-hsiang (the Christian general) and denounced Chiang Kai-shek.

Borodin's motor car is equipped with a steel plate varnished to appear as wood, which contraption can be raised in front of the wind shield in case the occupants of the car find themselves in a tight corner. Borodin's house is closely guarded by troops armed to the teeth. All official positions in Hankow are held by rabid communists.

The American senators were received and welcomed by high officials but really saw nothing of the deplorable state of affairs in Hankow. There is no Court of Justice, and any who are thought to be non-communistic are summarily dealt with by the military authorities.

Chinese on leaving a foreign bank are searched by pickets and if found with silver, are escorted to the Central Bank and their silver is exchanged for Central Bank notes. Any resistance is suitably dealt with. There is no trade, and what there are left of the Chinese merchants go in fear and trembling of their lives.

TIENTSIN CRASH.

FAMOUS CHINESE HONG FORCED TO CLOSE.

A telegram has been received by the vernacular press from Tientsin to the effect that the famous Chinese firm, Ip Woo Hong, closed its door on the 10th instant with liabilities estimated to about \$5,000,000. The closing of the large Chinese hong in Tientsin has caused a sensation in commercial circles in that city. The chief manager is said to have absconded while the assistant manager, Wang Kun-tun and the chief director, Wang But-hau are reported to be in custody of the Police.

SWATOW OUTRAGE.

PERSECUTION OF A BRITISH SUBJECT.

Roundly abused, thrust into a dark evil-smelling room, infested with mosquitoes, until he agreed to pay a "fine" of \$1,000, a British subject of Chinese descent, named Low Peng-kiah, was grossly victimised by a Chinese Government Department in Swatow last month. Consular action has been taken in the matter, the incident being described as a flagrant case of extortion, an act of which only bandits would be thought guilty, and a gross breach of treaty stipulations.

The Opium Suppression Bureau, actually the office of a monopolistic organisation for trading in opium, is the Swatow department concerned. On June 10th, Mr. Low Peng-kiah's house was invaded by several members of the Bureau, who stated they were searching for illicit opium.

Naturally, Low, being a British subject, informed them that any action they wished to take against him must pass through the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs and the British Consulate.

The unwelcome visitors roundly abused him, and after seizing a small box of opium and his smoking utensils—Low is a light smoker of opium—dragged him to the Police Station. Later he was sent to the office of the Opium Suppression Bureau.

Imprisoned in Filthy Room.

Here Low Peng-kiah informed his questioners that he was born in Singapore and was a British subject. He was ridiculed and Chao An was put down as his place of birth. At first it was decided to fine him \$150, but someone urged that advantage should be taken of their "capture" and the fine was increased to \$5,000. This Mr. Low refused to pay, and after many threats, it was reduced to \$1,000.

Again refusing he was thrust into a filthy room, and finding his position intolerable, Low agreed to sign a draft for \$1,000 at three days' sight and also a document admitting that he was fined for the "illicit use of opium."

Fourteen hours after his "arrest," Low was released, and the draft was cashed on June 13th, in spite of vigorous protests by the British Consul.

A British Subject.

Every proof is forthcoming that Low Peng-kiah is a British subject. For years he has been recognised as such by both the British Consulate in Swatow and the Chinese authorities. Both the Opium Suppression Bureau and the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, though he is aware of this claim, that Mr. Low is a Chinese subject, and that the case does not concern the British authorities.

Mr. Low Peng-kiah's father was naturalised at Singapore as long ago as 1857, a certificate of British nationality was held by his father, and British passports to travel in Kwangtung, endorsed "Father was a British subject," have been issued to Mr. Low.

It is understood that the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Swatow has written a report to the Nanking Government concerning the incident, worded in such a way as to prejudice the Ministry for Foreign Affairs against Low Peng-kiah, and likely to bring therefore a decision against his British nationality.

Intolerable.

The British Consul at Swatow, Mr. Kirke, protested vigorously against the gross breach of treaty stipulations, the reply being to the effect that Mr. Low's nationality was being investigated, and that he could not be accepted as a British subject until reports were received.

It may be recalled that some time ago Mr. Low Peng-kiah's forebore was seized, and his land expropriated on the pretext of making roads. The only possible conclusion is that the Chinese authorities are deliberately persecuting Mr. Low.

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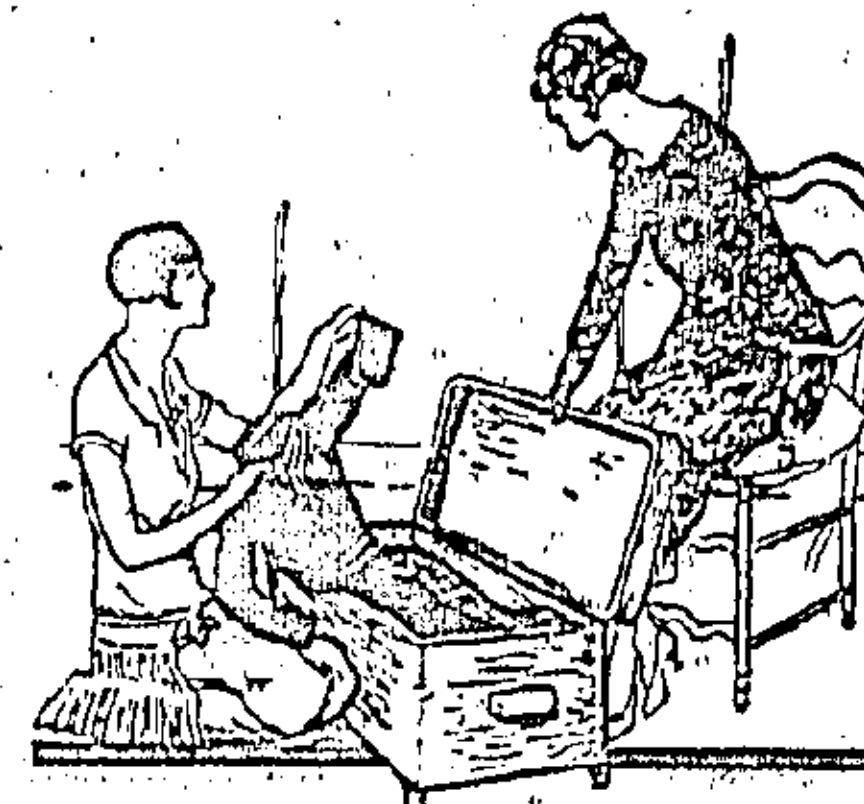
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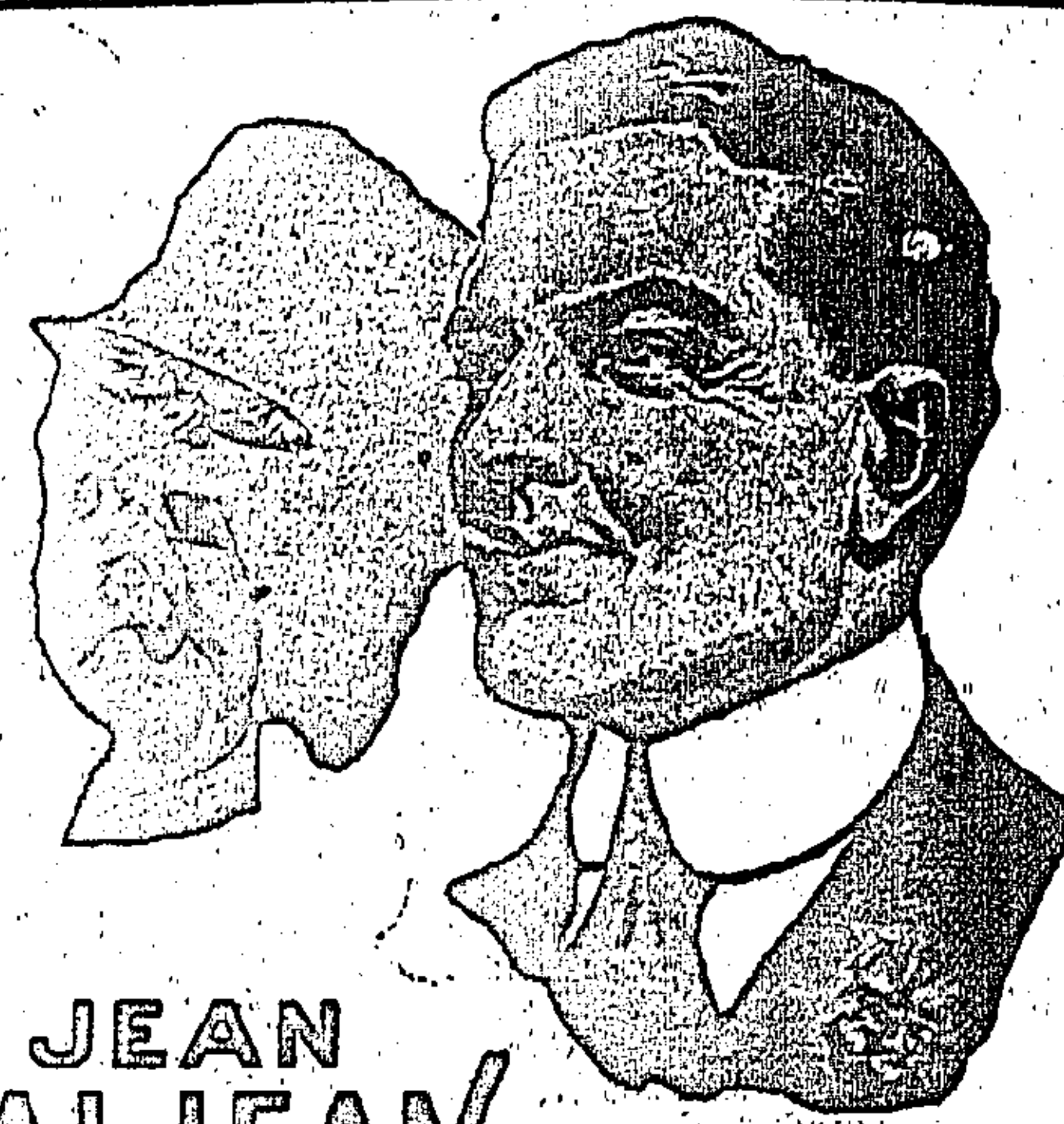
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VOLUNTEER BOXERS.—The Field Artillery Battery, S.V.C., won the Gordon Cup, the trophy presented for competition between units of the corps, at the S.V.C. Boxing Tournament at Shanghai recently. The team is shown above. From left to right they are: B. Hertzberg, winner of the feather-weights, W. Hassick, lightweight runner-up, M. Hertzberg, featherweight runner-up, and H. Hertzberg, winner of the lightweights and welterweights.



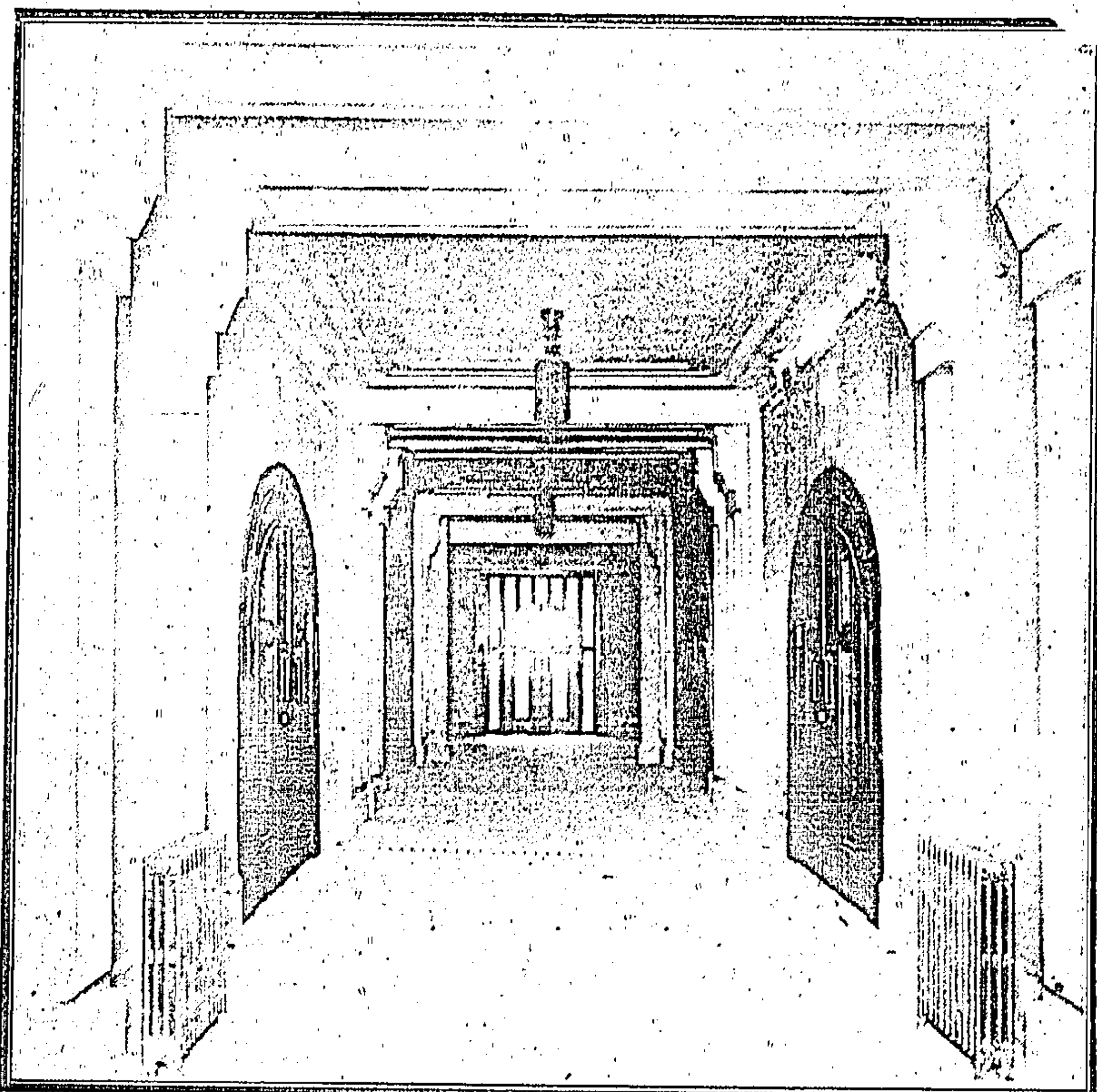
PLANS BIG FLIGHT.—Miss Mildred Doran, pretty 21-year-old school teacher of Flint, Michigan, aims to be the first woman to take an aeroplane ride across the Pacific. With Pilot Augie Peddler, she plans to fly from San Francisco to Honolulu in a giant monoplane.



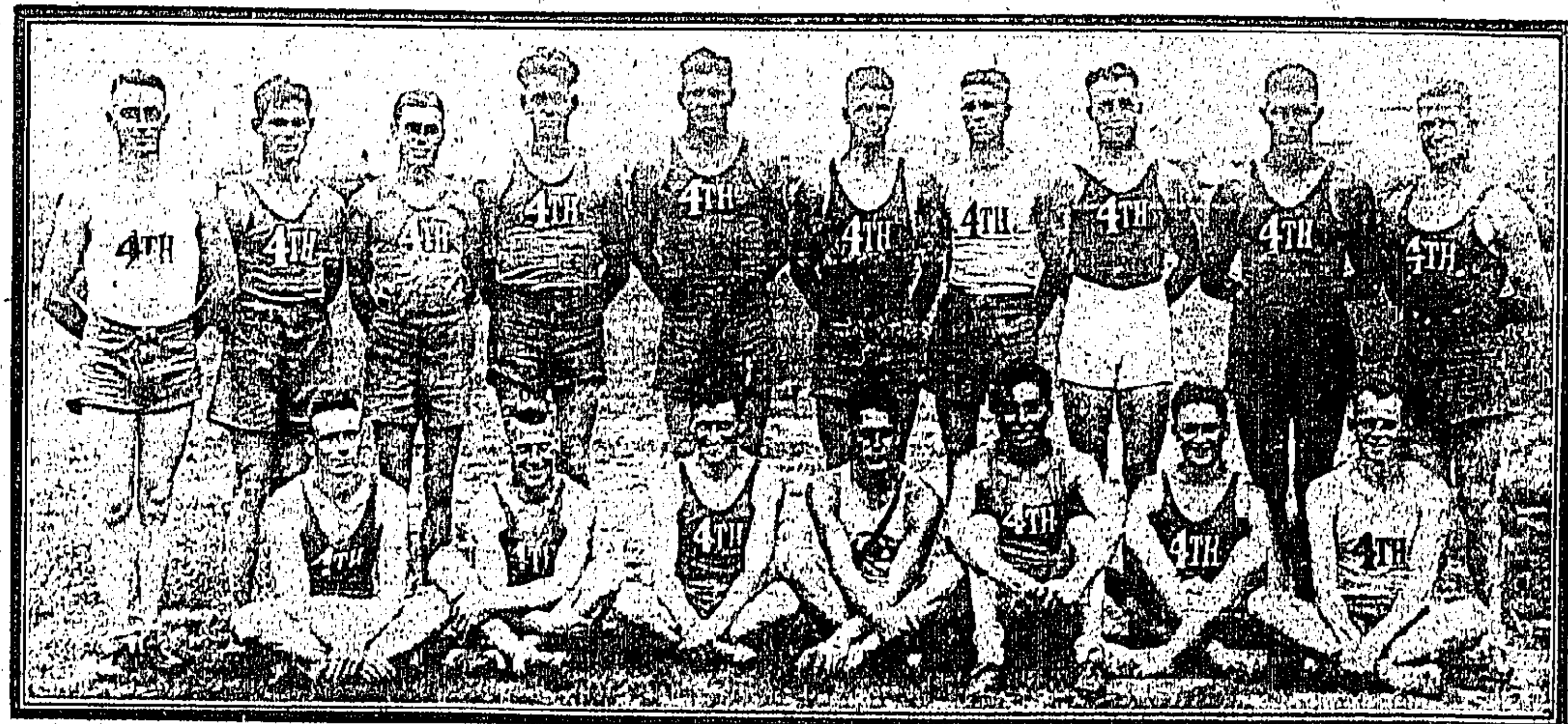
FROM CHINA.—Mrs. J. V. A. McMurray, wife of the American Minister to China, is shown with her children as they arrived in San Francisco after leaving China. Mrs. McMurray is shown with Joan, 10, Lois, 4, and Frank, 8.



AIRMAN'S PALS.—When Col. Charles A. Lindbergh disembarked from the U. S. cruiser Memphis in Washington, four of his old friends from Little Falls, Minnesota, were there to meet him. They made the trip by automobile.



SHANGHAI SYNAGOGUE.—An interior view of the main entrance corridor of the new Beth Aharon Synagogue which was opened at Shanghai recently by Sir Sidney Barton, K.B.E., C.M.G. On either side of the corridor are the reception room, cloak room, meeting rooms, book rooms, etc. The building was designed by Messrs. Palmer and Turner.



ATHLETES AT SHANGHAI.—Photograph shows the victorious team of athletes who secured the Mark L. Moody Shield for the team winning the first open international track and field meeting at Shanghai recently. The U. S. Marines scored a decisive victory over their nearest competitors.



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The dividend will be payable on and after MONDAY the 8th August, 1927, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from MONDAY, the 25th July to SATURDAY, the 6th August, 1927, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order

of the Court of Directors,
A. C. HYNES,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 12th July, 1927.

INDO-CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Forty-Sixth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hongkong, on Monday, the 25th July, 1927, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th July to 8th August, 1927, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.

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Hongkong, 24th June, 1927.

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C. I. D. Circular No. 2.
Hongkong, 27th June, 1927.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a warrant has been issued for arrest of IU PO LUN and a reward of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS will be paid by the undersigned to any person giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of the culprit.

Reward to be valid for 6 months from July 1st, 1927.

Description. Iu Po Lun aged 31 years, 5 ft. 4 in. in height, very stout, short-sighted wearing glasses, speaks good English dressed in European clothing, Hongkong Born, parents natives of Fun U District.

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A PEKINGESE SHOW.

ORIGIN OF A POPULAR FANCY IN PETS.

The Peking Palace Dog Association, which was founded in 1908, and is going on stronger than ever, celebrated its twentieth birthday with a show at Ranelagh on June 21, at which Lady Algernon Gordon Lennox, founder of the association, consented to judge, says the *China Express and Telegraph*.

Records are not very definite concerning the size of the dogs that were brought home after the occupation of the Summer Palace in 1860, but the information that has survived leaves no doubt that they were small. Lady Algernon's strain are the descendants of the pair that reached Goodwood from the Summer Palace. It has been said, writes Mr. A. Croxton Smith, that five came to England at that time, but I think there must have been more. The late Admiral Oliver Jones, who, as a captain, was present when the Palace was overrun, made the most definite statement, saying that a bitch and five puppies were found behind a box. Lord John Hay took the mother and one of the puppies, and Admiral Jones had another, which survived until 1872. This was black and white. Furthermore, two officers of the 99th Foot secured a dog and bitch, the latter of which had a litter soon after the regiment returned to Canton. A dog from this litter brought to England in 1863, lived for nearly seventeen years, and one regrets that he sired but one puppy from another Summer Palace bitch belonging to Captain Claghams Henderson. What material we had in the country for preserving the genuine blood if it had only been used more extensively!

Then among my papers I find a note from the *Ladies' Keibel Journal* of 1896 saying that "the Princess of Wales is charmed with a dear little dog from China, which has just arrived at Sandringham. It was sent to her as a Peking Pug, but I can't help thinking that must be a mistake, as it is in appearance a spaniel of Japan type; but instead of being black-and-white it is a sort of brindle and white. It weighs barely 3 1/2 lbs., and is a delightfully bright-natured little mite."

Origin of Pekingese.

Anyone who is interested in tracing the beginnings of the many breeds now familiar to us may well ask if the Pekingese, Japanese and European dwarf spaniels are allied, or if they belong to distinct races? I shall be told at once that the shape of the heads is different, although bearing a superficial resemblance, but that, I think, is not of much account, as the discrepancies could easily have arisen in the course of years.

Are the Pekingese indigenous to China? Is another question that might be debated. Taking for granted that they are of considerable antiquity in that country, I am not sure it follows that they were produced there. Mr. Edward C. Ash has collected a good deal of information in his great work, where we read that the Emperor, 565 A.D., gave a certain name to a Persian dog, which could not have been big, as it rode on the Emperor's horse.

In 670 A.D., the Chinese presented small dogs to the Japanese. Then, between 742 and 755 A.D. is the story of a lapdog from Samarkand. This was the little creature that saved the Emperor from defeat at chess by springing upon the board and scattering the pieces. In 618 A.D. Chinese literature has reference to some that might be of the Pekingese family. "Wang Win-tin presented a pair of dogs to the king. They were 6 in. high and one foot long. They were named Fu-lin dog, after the name of the place they came from."

NANKING TO MARRY OFF CONCUBINES.

SYSTEM MAY BE ABOLISHED BY NATIONALISTS.

The Women's Department of the Provincial Kuomintang Committee of Kiangsu has petitioned the Nationalist Government to abolish by proclamation and to make punishable by law the system and practice of concubinage. As regards those who already have concubines in their families, the Government is urged to order that suitable matches be arranged for the concubines immediately.

The petition points out that according to Article XII of the Internal Policy of the Kuomintang and in accordance with the specific instructions of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the system of concubinage should be abolished in conformity with the Three People's Principle. It is expected that the Government will issue an order to this effect.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICES.

Radio Telegraph Services are now in operation between Hongkong and the following places:—French Indo-China, province of Yunnan, Canton, Swatow, Kowloon, Macau, Kwangchow, Fort Bayard, Wuchow, and Hoihow. Rates and further particulars on application to the Radio Counter, 1st Floor, G. P. O. Building.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	July 15.
Europe via Negapatam (letters and papers London, 16th June)	Santhia	July 10.
Suez and Straits	Persous	July 17.
Manila	President Lincoln	July 17.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Canada	July 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Siberia Maru	July 18.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	July 18.
Suez and Straits	Pres. Hayes	July 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Adriatic	July 18.
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	July 19.
Suez and Straits	Sphinx	July 19.
Manila	Mishima Maru	July 21.
Shanghai	Antenor	July 21.
Japan and Shanghai	Macedonia	July 22.
Straits	Hakusan Maru	July 29.
	Kamo Maru	July 29.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Saigon	Yuan Jeng	Thurs., July 14, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Thurs., July 14, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tara	Thurs., July 14, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Yuensang	Thurs., July 14, 5 p.m.
Formosa	Ki Shu Maru	Fri., July 15, 8.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Parcels	14th, 5 p.m.
Straits	Norviken	Fri., July 15, 8.30 a.m.
via Thursday Island	Taipei	Fri., July 15, 8.30 a.m.
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 26th July).	
Fort Bayard	Hydrangea	Fri., July 15, 1.30 p.m.
Saigon	Oania	Fri., July 15, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakozaki Maru	Sat., July 16, Kowloon P. O.
	Registration	9 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 15th August).	
Straits and Calcutta	Takliwa	Sat., July 16, Kowloon P. O.
	Parcels	11.30 a.m.
	Letters	12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiheng	Sat., July 16, Noon.
Haiphong	Tonkin	Sat., July 16, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Munsterland	Sun., July 17, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., July 17, 9 a.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Sphinx	Tues., July 19, Kowloon P. O.
	Registration	10.30 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 20th August).	
Manila	President Lincoln	Mon., July 19, Kowloon P. O.
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due San Francisco 11th August).	
Manila	President Hayes	Mon., July 19, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Tues., July 19, Noon.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Tues., July 19, 3.30 p.m.
	President Cleveland	Tues., July 19, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Foo Shing	Wed., July 20, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Aki Maru	Wed., July 20, Kowloon P. O.
	Registration	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 1st August).	
Shanghai	Yuensang	Tues., July 21, 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Chakung	Thurs., July 21, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Van Heutz	Thurs., July 21, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Chakung	Fri., July 22, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Mishima Maru	Fri., July 22, 9.30 a.m.
Amoy	Fooksang	Fri., July 22, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia	Sat., July 23, Kowloon P. O.
	Parcels	22nd 4.30 p.m.
	Registration	23rd 9 a.m.
	Letters	10 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Parcels	22, 5 p.m.
	Registration	23, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 19th August).	
Formosa, Shanghai, Japan and "San Francisco"	Siberia Maru	Tues., July 25, Kowloon P. O.
	Registration	25th 5 p.m.
	Letters	8.30 a.m.
	(Due San Francisco 19th August).	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakusan Maru	Sat., July 30, Kowloon P. O.
	Registration	8 a.m.
	Letters	9 a.m.
	G. P. O.	
	Registration	8.45 a.m.
	Letters	9.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 20th August).	
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kamo Maru	Sat., July 30, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hin Sang	Sat., July 30, 1.30 p.m.
	*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.	

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 15th to 21st July 1927.

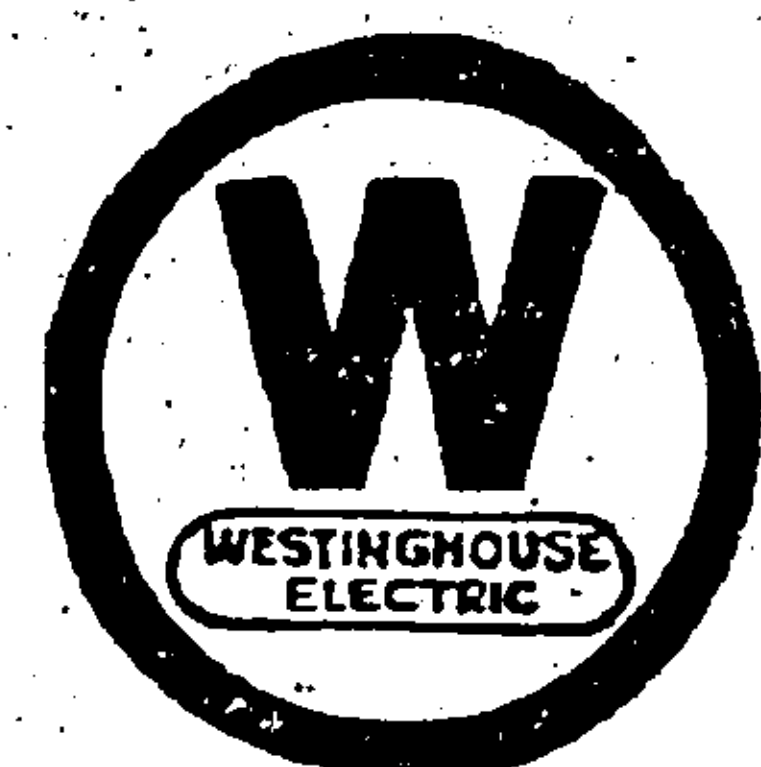
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Sunday	17	5	10	10 32	9 0	2	10	10 32	9 0
Mon.	18	4	10	10 28	10 0	2	10	10 28	10 0
Tues.	19	3	10	10 24	11 0	2	10	10 24	11 0
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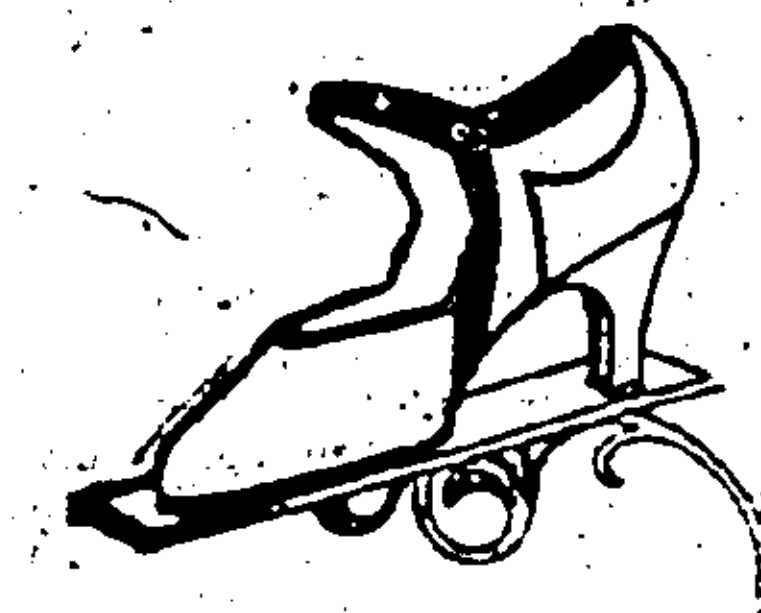


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TERRIBLE ORDEAL

FOREIGNERS TRAPPED AT
CHENGCHOW.

Tsingtao, July 13.
Twenty-five foreign refugees
were put ashore at Tsingtao from
the little northern gunboat Chu-
ya at 2.30 p.m. on the afternoon
of June 30, and dazed, but brave
and thankful, proceeded to find
rest and refreshment where they
could after having endured an or-
deal of many days of suffering
and anxiety. Their clothes dirty
and the worse for wear; their
faces bearing the strained looks
illustrative of their miseries;
their luggage carried into house
or hotel and showing every sign
of ill-treatment by the marks of
torn-off locks, or boxes with
smashed-in sides, all gave every
indication of piratical pillage.

The party upon arrival at
Tsingtao consisted of the follow-
ing:—Mr. Muller, Postal Com-
missioner from Kaifeng (Brit-
ish); Mr. Matheson, pilot, of
Tapo (Danish); M. and Mme.
Cocle and four children; Dr. and
Mme. Renault, M. and Mme. Bras-
sur; M. and Mme. De Becker and
child; M. and Mme. De Clercq,
all Belgians, employees of the
Lunghai Railway at Chengchow;
Mr. and Mrs. Steensby (Danish)
of Messrs. Andersen, Meyer & Co.'s
staff at Chengchow; Mr. and Mrs.
Karniloff (Russians); Mr. Zokow-
sky (Polish), Mr. Molinatto (Ita-
lian), and Mr. Tsvetoff, the three
last being also railway em-
ployees, the Italian gentleman be-
ing the well-known engineer as-
sociated with the Yellow River
bridge.

On May 19 when the Mukden
troops had driven the Southerners
out of Chengchow there was
fought a battle which had lasted
for three days to gain that end
and the foreigners had spent a
most unpleasant time during that
battle, a northern armoured car
being stationed only a few hun-
dred yards from the city, but the
advent of the northern troops
meant safety for the foreigners
because they instituted discipline
and order.

Rapid Northern Retreat.

The first Southern troops
to re-enter Chengchow were
those of General Tang
Seng-chi, which appeared like
a disorderly rabble after the
orderly Mukden troops. They
occupied the Lunghai Railway
Administration Buildings, as well
as the residences of the railway's
foreign employees, a family of
mother, father, and four children
being allowed to occupy a single
room of their own house and the
rest of the building filled with
soldiers.

Then the military took complete
charge of the railway and ap-
pointed one of their officers as the man-
aging director. The foreign em-
ployees were then forced to at-
tend the Sun Yat-sen memorial
services twice weekly, and to make
obedience, etc., with the con-
gregation. Absence from this
ceremony meant dismissal
from employment.

Journey from Chengchow.

It took three weeks more before
the Chengchow foreigners could
obtain the useful railway car-
riage in which to reach the coast,
and at last two freight cars were
grudgingly placed at the disposal
of the 25 refugees from Cheng-
chow.

The party left Chengchow on
June 23, happy at last to get away
from their practical captivity.

It took four days to go by train
from Chengchow to the coastal
terminus of the Lunghai Railway
at Tapo, a distance of only about
300 miles. During that journey the
refugees found their freight car
twice uncoupled from the military
train and themselves left derelict
on the line. On one occasion the
Chinese fireman or engineer of a

AN ULTIMATUM.

NICARAGUAN REBEL URGED
TO SURRENDER.

Managua, July 13.
The Commander of the detach-
ment of United States Marines
here has sent an ultimatum to
General Sandino, the former Lib-
eral leader, who, according to the
American authorities here has
been occupying American mines
and collecting taxes at San Fer-
nando. The ultimatum calls on
the General to lay down his arms
by Thursday morning or he will
be attacked by joint Conservative
Nicaraguan and United States
forces. Sandino has at his dis-
posal 1,000 men.—Reuter's Ameri-
can Service.

train was beaten for having shown
them sympathy by helping them.

On arrival at Tapo on June 27
they found to their dismay that a
large steamer from Shanghai load-
ed with flour for the Southern
troops at Haichow had unloaded
and left again just previously.
However, they were glad to meet
the Tapo pilot, Mr. Matheson, and
as no food or supplies of any sort
were obtainable at Tapo their one
thought was naturally departure,
more especially as the country on
all sides was infested with bandits
looting in the wake of the troops.
Mr. Matheson offered to engage a
junk and take the refugees im-
mediately to Tsingtao, and they
all gladly consented. It was quite
possible that there would be no
other steamer for a month.

Passage Aboard a Junk.

The whole party with all their
baggage complete, besides two
boxes of silver that were under
charge of Mr. Matheson (and val-
ued at \$5,500), went aboard the
junk and sailed at 11 a.m. on June
28. After proceeding north for
four hours in a stiff breeze the
captain of the junk told them that
the wind was unfavourable, and
that he must return, though they
must have sailed 50 knots. They
then turned south again and an-
chored for the night at a point ap-
proximately 17 knots north of
Tapo. In the light of subsequent
events it was afterwards conclud-
ed by the refugees that the re-
turn towards Tapo again had
only been made in order to
permit of the approach of
pirate junks under charge of
accomplices of the refugees' junk captain.

Next morning, the wind being
favourable, the junk again pro-
ceeded to sail for Tsingtao, but at
2 p.m. in the afternoon they were
disturbed by a fusillade of shots
being opened upon them from an-
other junk sailing parallel with
but on the shore side of their junk,
so all the passengers sought quick-
ly what cover they could. The
firing was entirely that of rifles.
On drawing closer and receiving
no fire in reply, the pirate junk
came right alongside, and 10 or a
dozen pirates armed with revolv-
ers and bayonets boarded the re-
fugee junk. Mr. Matheson then
stood out upon the deck with his
hands up, and, addressing the
pirates quietly in Chinese, said,
"You may take all we have got if
you spare our lives."

Rings Torn Off.

The first action of the pirates was
thoroughly to terrify and intimidate
the foreigners. They tore rings off
the ladies' and men's fingers, strip-
ped off wrist watches, and any other
valuables, and even ran their fingers
over the ladies' heads in a search
for hidden brooches, etc. Then
commenced a tremendous search for
money. Money, money, was the de-
termined cry, and all the baggage
piece by piece was brought up,
locks torn off hinges, boxes staved
in with rifles, clothes thrown about
in wildest confusion during the
search, but little or no money was
found at first. But they knew it
was there. Undoubtedly they had
information, and everything pointed
to collusion between the refugee
captain and the pirate captain. At
length they began treating the pas-
sengers very roughly, shoving them

EARTHQUAKE TOLL

A CITY OF DEATH.

Jerusalem, July 13.
Save for occasional cowed
figures salvaging bedding on the
backs of camels and donkeys, the
usually animated streets of Nablus
are transformed into a city of the
dead, as after a heavy bombard-
ment. Scarcely a house has
escaped.

The inhabitants are congregated
in pathetic groups in open-air
camps outside the city whose
glory proved to be its ruin
for the high fretted build-
ings, piled fantastically above
the narrow streets collapsed
like packs of cards, burying their
inmates and marketers below.

Many bodies remain entombed
despite the incessant exhumation
operations directed by British
police and attended by pathetic
and awful scenes.

A considerable amount of dynam-
iting will be necessary before
all the bodies are recovered.

It is officially estimated that at
present over 150 were killed in
Palestine and 100 in Transjor-
dania. Over 500 were injured.—
Reuter.

from side to side to make way for
the ascending baggage. Mr. Mul-
len, being plainly in appearance the
senior in age was singled out doubt-
less as the leader, and him they
actively maltreated, striking him
heavy blows on his legs with a be-
laying pin to get him to disclose
the treasure.

The refugees had no arms, and
made no resistance. The behav-
iour of the women and children is
specially praiseworthy under these
trying and terrible circumstances.
They neither cried nor screamed at
all, but remained quiet and calm.
Mme. Cocle feeding her little baby
at this time, and hearing its milk
as if nothing frightful was occurring,
she and others of the ladies saying
their prayers softly to gain forti-
tude.

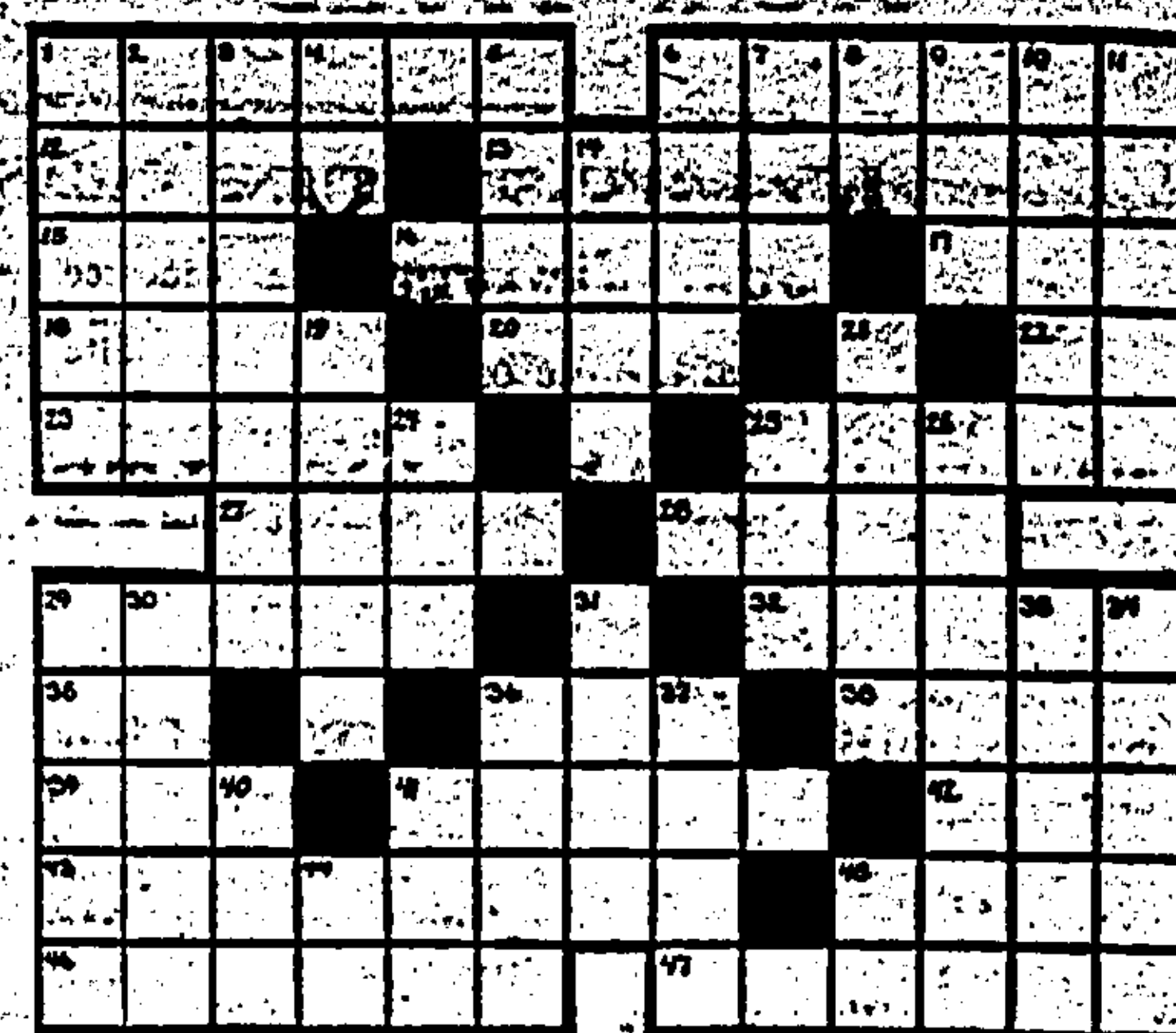
Warships Arrive.

At length, after almost two hours
search the two cases of silver were
discovered and transhipped, as well
as all the valuables, of the party,
including a box of silverware be-
longing to the Steensbys, and the
pirates evinced a strong desire to
depart quickly. They had formerly
discussed whether they should set
fire to the refugee junk, doubtless
with the intention of leaving the
foreign witnesses of their piracy
aboard the burning ship, but now
they were only in haste to get off
and this they did speedily. Casting
their eyes toward the refugees
observed the smoke of an approach-
ing steamer, which probably the
pirates had already observed, and
another hour brought the Chinese
man-of-war Chu-yu near the poor re-
fugees, who signalled violently with
sheets attached to poles and so at-
tracted the gunboat's attention.

On approaching the junk the
officers of the man-of-war question-
ed the refugees at great length as to
their origin, etc., and though they
begged to take them aboard the
ship they did not do so at once but
proceeded after the pirate vessel,
which could not have proceeded
very far south. Meanwhile the re-
fugee junk followed in the wake of
the man-of-war which disappeared
for a time but later on returned
with the news that the junk had
not been seen. On the refugees
begging again to be allowed aboard
the man-of-war the officers finally
acquiesced, and the party were
made comfortable in the 'tween
decks and given food.

It was only when the ladies
boarded the gunboat that their ad-
mirable courage and deportment
gave way at last, and every one of
them, wept at last, and every one
to be safe from the awful experiences
they had so lately passed through.
Mrs. Steensby had saved her
wedding ring and engagement ring
by hiding them in her stocking upon
the approach of the pirates, but
that was all the bijouterie saved.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 To tell.
- 6 Acted as a servant.
- 12 Body in the shape of an ellipse.
- 13 Violent intransigent person.
- 15 Rancour.
- 16 To stroke lightly.
- 17 To devour.
- 18 Paradise.
- 20 Affirmative.
- 22 Point of compass.
- 23 Harem.
- 25 To provide food.
- 27 Tiny particle.
- 28 Robust.
- 29 Japanese magnolia.
- 32 Markets.
- 35 Bone.
- 36 Work of a genius.
- 38 Eighth part of an ounce.
- 39 Adequate.
- 41 Liquid part of any fat.
- 42 Wing part of a seed.
- 43 Consisting of thin layers.
- 45 Acidity of the stomach.
- 46 Evades.
- 47 To feel, exhibit indignant dis-
pleasure.

Down.

- 1 Lassoes.
- 2 To escape.
- 3 Pertaining to the side.
- 4 Morindin dye.
- 5 To discern.
- 6 Mental faculty.
- 7 Dined.
- 8 Provided.

- 9 Neck ornament.
- 10 To obliterate.
- 11 To discourage through fear.
- 14 Breakwater.
- 19 Pertaining to one's birth.
- 21 Dish of chopped food seasoned
with condiments.
- 24 Electrified particle.
- 25 Eccentric wheel.
- 26 Raised level space.
- 29 To warble (variant).
- 30 Customary.
- 31 To harass.
- 34 Claw of a bird of prey.
- 35 To feel a lively local pain.
- 36 Exclamation of sorrow.
- 37 One of two or more rows.
- 40 Small wren-like bird.
- 41 Unit.
- 44 Hypothetical structural unit.
Like.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

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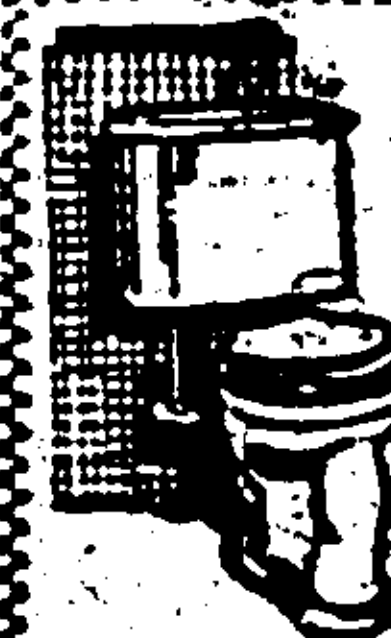
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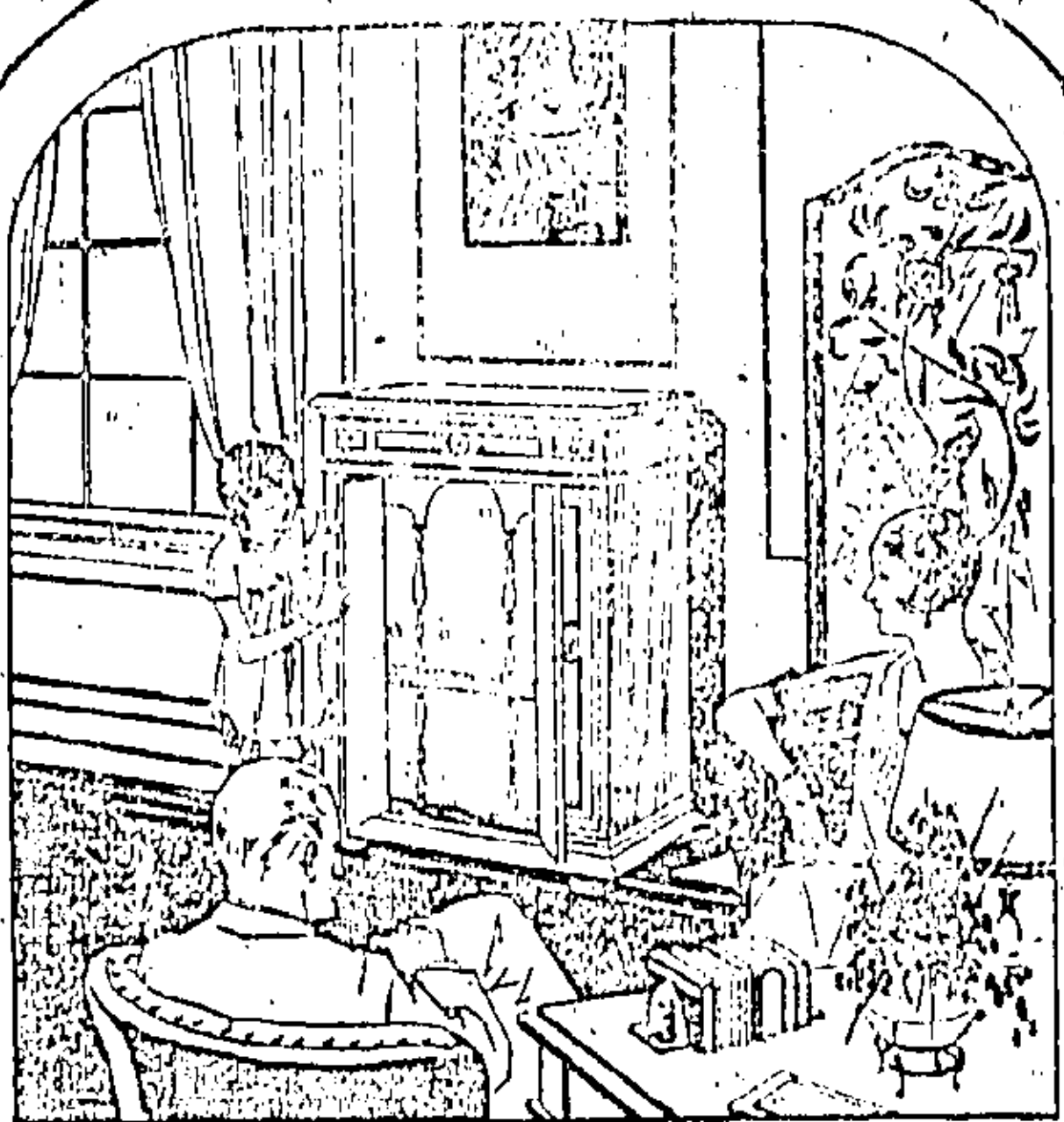
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THE VALUE OF TREES.

"Save the trees." At one time a popular catch-phrase in Britain and elsewhere, has latterly gone into desuetude, so it is gratifying to note from a news cable published yesterday that in parts of the Empire there are both Government and private afforestation schemes in progress. It was not so very many years ago that the greatest store was set by the possession of timber, well-grown and of good quality. That, too, at a time when the expansion of paper-making, the manufacture of artificial silk, and so forth, had not made half the calls on timber supplies that are known to-day. It was when the Great War demanded constant supplies of wood, for trench props, duckboards, and a variety of other uses, that even immature groves in Britain were felled, in order to supply the needs of the fighting forces, and when the Armistice came, there were many resolutions to repair the great wastage that necessity had permitted. It is a shame to see how the appreciation of trees has declined in many parts of the world, and Britain has been no exception. The pseudo-scientific cult of sunlight has even led to advocacy in some of the leading Home papers of doing away with the "unhealthy" plantations of "ancestral trees" around old country houses. There has already been enough vandalism and enforced sale of timber on some of the premier estates, without this additional urge. But the authorities may be depended upon, wherever the matter has received due thought, to encourage the increase rather than the decrease of tree planting. In America, there are national campaigns for this definite purpose, and the idea might be introduced with advantage to other parts of the world.

Econ mists with their finger on the pulse of the timber markets, and forestry men, whose life work is the study and nurture of valuable trees, realise to-day the actual peril that threatens the world in time to come, should there not be some form of compensation for all the wastage of timber that is going on. The vast pine forests of northern temperate countries that are called upon to supply wood for the gigantic pulp industries, will not last for ever. In time we may have to use all manner of substitutes for wood. A hint of this

is already seen in the substitution of steel shafts for hickory, in the case of golf-sticks. To take another instance at random, there is the ever increasing demand for certain qualities of tough timber for the manufacture of struts for aircraft, which even the growing use of metal has not done away with. One trusts that the time is never coming when the "Ashes" will be striven for by batsmen armed with implements of aluminium in place of the traditional willow! Yet it is inevitable, with increased use of timber, and opening up of forest areas necessitating extensive felling of trees, that there is a period ahead when wood of better quality will be actually scarce. It is something to know, then, that the Empire administrators are fully alive to the need for re-afforestation work.

Apart from mere commercial or utility considerations, the conservation of trees touches both aesthetic and vital questions. The need for greenery to retain moisture and keep up an adequate rainfall, is realised by the retention of wooded areas in reservoir catchwaters. The great value of tree-covered hillsides in preventing heavy erosion of soil by rain (and consequent silting of water-courses) is also well established, and is one of the matters in connection with forestry that is realised in Hongkong as much as anywhere else. In time, the efforts of our forest officers should result in further clothing of areas in this Colony with pine groves. To the decided advantage of the place. Happily, there is a very strong appreciation of the value of timber among officials in the local administration, and even the public is not lacking in the tree-loving sense, as the Public Works Department must realise every time they contemplate cutting down a few shade trees! But it is a healthy sign.

Squatters' Rights.

We do not yet know full details in connection with the report in the vernacular press that the Government has served notices to quit upon a large number of people who live in huts on the low-lying land which lies between Shamshui and the Tai Po Road—near the village known as Kap Shok Mei—but we are confident that the Government is acting strictly within its rights, both legal and moral, in asking the people concerned to give up possession. There is a very definite law governing the rights of squatters in this Colony, and the Squatters' Board is the authority to whom applications are made for squatters' leases or permits, and these leases and short-notice permits can only be determined by properly laid down processes. Unfortunately, there are a great many poor Chinese who just dump themselves down anywhere there might be room, put up a shack and proceed to make the place their home, subsisting by growing vegetables or breeding pigs and such-like. Many of them never apply for a permit and are trespassers under the Squatters' Ordinance which was passed in 1890. They could, of course, be turned out summarily. And there are many others on short-notice permits. But all dwellers in this Colony occupy land under the Government which has power to resume any piece of land required for some public purpose, and there are regular legal processes whereby that resumption can be accomplished. The Government is only acting strictly within its rights, and this should be borne in mind when the people now under notice complain of hard treatment in being asked to make way for a public improvement. The filling-in of the area concerned should most assuredly be carried out. But in the present almost stagnant state of the development plans conceived some two or three years ago we doubt whether there are buyers and builders enough to warrant disposing the squatters, who might be allowed to stay on the area after it has been raised to the desired level. There is much derelict reclaimed ground lying fallow in the Shamshui, Lai-chikok and Cheung Sha Wan districts, and we do not see the necessity of adding largely to it at the moment. Fill in the swampy ground by all means, but let the settlers stay until the land is actually required for building purposes. That, we think, would be a good way-out of what is, after all, a very serious problem for the lowly Chinese concerned.

DAY BY DAY.

THERE ARE MORE MEN ENROLLED BY STUDY THAN BY NATURE.—Cicero.
There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The typhoon appears to be about 700 miles E.S.E. of Hongkong, moving westward, says the Royal Observatory report issued this morning.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow, issued by the Royal Observatory, states: East winds, moderate; cloudy at first, fair later.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 10 arrivals and 11 departures, of which four and three respectively were British, leaving 74 vessels in harbour, 35 British.

An employee of the Kowloon Docks has been sent to the Kwong Wah Hospital, after being struck on the jaw by a steam hammer whilst working in the docks yesterday.

We learn that H. M. S. Peterel, one of the four river gunboats at present being re-assembled in the Taikoo Dockyard, is to be launched from that yard on Monday morning.

The Kong Ning was berthed at the Hoi On Wharf yesterday on completion of compass trials, and will make her maiden trip under her new house flag to-morrow, sailing for Wuchow at 5 p.m.

Sir Laurence Guillemard was received in audience by the King on June 9 upon relinquishing his appointment as Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Straits Settlements, when His Majesty invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George.

Stated by a Chinese constable to have been arrested five times in all for totting for car hire in Pedder Street, a Chinese was charged on the sixth time before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy, this morning. The defendant stated that he had been previously summoned and fined \$10. A fine of \$15 was imposed.

A Chinese coolie working at Morrison Hill has been sent to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from multiple injuries caused by being struck by falling rocks. It seems that the rocks were loosened during the blasting operations, and fell during the afternoon on to a gang of coolies who were working there.

Mr. C. Van Yliet, third officer, s.s. Tjilbeek, prosecuted a coal coolie before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy, this morning, on a charge of theft of a cabin clock. The defendant was stated to have been seen to enter the complainant's cabin, take the time-piece and conceal it beneath a matting in his coal basket. A fine of \$25 was imposed.

A tea party will be given by Dr. S. W. Tso, Hon. Commissioner of Police Reserve to the Chinese Company of the Hongkong Police Reserve, on Friday, at 5.30 p.m., at the Savoy Hotel. Every member of the Chinese Company is invited, and the opportunity will be taken to discuss ways and means to increase the strength and to develop the usefulness of the Company.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with wasting water by turning on a street fountain and allowing it to run without turning it off. The Police stated that the habit was very common in the Quarry Bay district, and in the case of the defendant, he was seen to leave the tap running for five minutes, at least. Mr. Lindsell discharged the man with a caution.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, July 13.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.91
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Berlin	20.45
Copenhagen	15.10 1/2
Vienna	34.47 1/2
Lisbon	192 1/2
Bucharest	2.7/10
Buenos Aires	800
Shanghai	2/6 1/2
Yokohama	1/11.9/82
New York	4.85 1/2
Geneva	25.21 1/2
Milan	69.35
Stockholm	18.12
Oslo	18.80
Prague	103 1/2
Madrid	28.43 1/2
Athens	808 1/2
Rio	5.27/82
Bombay	1/5.29/82
Hongkong	2/0 1/4
Silver (spot and forward)	25 1/2

—British Wireless.

CENTRAL POLICE STATION.

STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS IN PROGRESS.

For some time past workmen have been busily engaged at the Central Police Station carrying out certain structural alterations which will enable all work in connection with the accounts department to be carried on in one office, instead of in two as at present. Garages are also being built.

At present, the accounts department is situated in the new block of buildings, erected in 1920, while the offices for issuing traffic and hawkers' licenses are situated on the opposite side of the compound so that money is collected partly in one office, and partly in the other.

To bring all the work of the accounts department under one roof, the present traffic and hawkers' licenses offices are being altered to suit the work of that department and the personnel of the traffic office will move to the vacated premises.

Thus, in future, licenses can be obtained and renewed at the accounts office, with the exception of first time motor licenses, applicants for which will have to apply at the traffic department as before.

Two Garages.

To prevent the collection of cars, vans, cycles, and combinations in the compound two garages are being constructed, one near the charge room and the other between the sanitary block and the main building. The former will be available for police cars, and the latter for cycles and combinations.

A short while ago a shelter adjoining the charge room was built but this was found to be inadequate. It is expected that there will be ample accommodation in the new garages.

TRIAL TRIP.

NEW STEAM LAUNCH.

On Tuesday last were run the official trials of the Steam Launch "Petrel," built and engined by W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd. for the British North Borneo Government.

The vessel is of oak, with compound surface condensing engines and engine and boiler casing of steel; also European and crews galley, deck cabin forward, neatly panelled with railway carriage windows and fitted with cushioned settees, wash basin and portable toilet, etc. The bridge, over forward cabin, is fitted with chart table, flag locker and usual accessories, while a cabin for the Serang is also provided aft with bed, drawers and wash basin; a steam windlass and davit are fitted for handling the anchors.

The trials were highly satisfactory, steam being easily maintained at an average speed of nearly nine knots against the contract speed of 8 to 8 1/2 knots only.

The construction of the vessel throughout has been supervised by Mr. J. Finlay Miller, and the others on board during the trials were Messrs. L. J. Davies and S. A. Arthur of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston and Co., Ltd., and Messrs. Burrowman and W. Bailey, of Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Co., Ltd.

SHAUKIWAN BLAZE.

RATTAN-GOODS SHOP INVOLVED.

About 8.20 last night a fire broke out at No. 20, Shaukiwan East, the house being a two-storeyed building and entirely occupied for the purpose of manufacturing rattan articles.

The prompt arrival of the fire engine from the Wanchai Station prevented the fire from spreading. Had it done so, the extent of the damage would undoubtedly have been very great, as there are several paper stores there.

According to reports supplied to the police, the fire started in the cockpit, where a foki accidentally upset a candle and set alight some dried herbs.

No particulars are available as to the exact damage, but it is learned that the house is insured against fire to the extent of \$2,000.

SIKHS QUARREL.

A FIGHT WITH STICKS.

Shortly after six o'clock this morning a quarrel, believed to be of a religious nature, broke out among seven Sikh watchmen in Queen's Road East, which ended in five of the men attacking the other two with sticks.

The two men received injuries necessitating their removal to hospital, one of them having a nasty wound at the back of the head.

The Very Idea!

The head of the office was in a thoroughly bad temper, and, moreover, he had just broken his glasses and could only read with difficulty the figures the clerk set before him.

"Just look at this 9," he roared. "It's exactly like a 7."

"The figure is a 4, sir," said the clerk.

"Then," roared the old man, "why does it look like a nine?"

Said he, "I think that ship is of the liquor running sort."

When asked why, he replied, "It's always looking for some port."

It was about Jonah and the Whale that a workman challenged the Bishop of Birmingham at his dinner-hour service recently. Why is it always Jonah? May one suggest that in a matter which concerns all right living and right thinking, the love of God and the love of man, and the whole conception of destiny and the universe, the importance of that fish is apt to be over-estimated? One trait of human nature it does certainly illustrate—the passion of the average man for "a story." It is because of this marvellous adventure that the prophet Jonah is known from end to end of the earth, while the names of his fellow-prophets Haggai and Malachi and Zechariah, who merely inculcate righteousness without sensation, have hardly penetrated into the West End.

Cook at Kingston County Court: I was not treated like a lady cook, but more like a charwoman.

Felixstowe wife: We are not a model couple—happily married, that is all.

Willesden prisoner: I was partly ill and partly drunk. Magistrate: How long have you been ill? Prisoner: Three months. Magistrate: And how long drunk? Prisoner: Not so long as that, sir.

Solicitor to a Walthamstow debtor: Your wife suggests paying £1 a month off this. Is that all right? Debtor: She said so, didn't she?

It is not wise that Ministers should always stay cooped up in Whitehall.—Sir Samuel Hoare.

I for one would rejoice in fewer revues and more of the old-fashioned art of the music hall.—Lord Leverhulme.

Any hope that the new Prayer Book will bring peace and order to the Church seems to me illusory.—The Bishop of Birmingham.

In Local Government I would back a woman's commonsense against a man's any time.—Alderman Mrs. Mercer, Birkenhead.

It is really very difficult to find a satisfactory word for "all of us." Mr. Augustine Birrell points out how misleading the word "Government" is as used in the phrase so common in Parliament just now—"a strike against the Government."

—and suggests instead "the country." That, again, is criticised as being too limited and territorial; and others propose "the community" as being at once comprehensive and unpartisan. No doubt we shall solve the problem about the same time that we discover a good word to describe a member of the British race.

An error in translation has led to Captain Lindbergh, the now famous aviator, receiving a crate of spaghetti as a good luck souvenir from Italian admirers in Paris.

The word "pie" was translated in Paris as "pate," which is also used to designate various productions of the genus spaghetti. Hence the gift.

A Scotsman and an Englishman went into a cafe and ordered tea. When it was served the Englishman caused amusement among the other occupants of the cafe by saying loudly, "Now you be mother and pour out."

The Scot did so, but had the last laugh, for at the end of the meal he got up promptly and disappeared, with the remark, "Now you be father and pay."

WILBUR PLAYERS.

THE REMAINING PROGRAMME.

The Wilbur Players will conclude their season in Hongkong to-morrow night when they will present "Her Unborn Child," an out-spoken play dealing with the subject of birth control.

To-night they will present "The Girl from Childs," a story concerning the efforts of a waitress in the famous New York cafe to make her way in the world.

Last night the Wilbur Players presented "The High Cost of Loving," a three act comedy which was enjoyed to the full by a large audience.

CHINESE CHOPS ON BANK NOTES.

NATIVE BANKS OBJECT TO PRACTICE.

PROTEST TO COMPRADORES.

A dispute has arisen recently between the native banks and the compradore departments of the bigger banks, the latter having requested the Chinese native banks to chop their bank notes when they bring them to the compradore department of the foreign banks for exchange purposes, states the vernacular press.

It has been the practice in the past few years among the compradore departments of the foreign banks to request the Chinese native banks to chop the name of their bank on the foreign bank notes, as a precaution, so that, in case forged notes were found, the compradore department would not have to be the losers and the origin of the notes could be traced.

Recently the Chinese native banks complained that this practice gave them additional trouble, and they therefore asked the compradore departments of the foreign banks to cancel this chopping.

Big Business Done.

The reasons given by the native banks are, that sometimes the number of foreign bank notes brought to the compradore departments of the foreign banks amount in value to \$100,000 or more in a day, and if all these notes have to be chopped before being taken to the foreign banks, the native banks will have to employ more clerks whose sole duty would be to chop these; also if bank notes can be forged, then, chops can also be forged, and if the chops of the native banks are forged these banks will have to bear an additional burden, which the compradore departments of the foreign banks ought to shoulder themselves, considering that most of the men in the compradore departments are undoubtedly men of experience in banking, and have far better power of identifying forged notes than the native banks.

After changing hands for a few years, these notes would, again, be covered with chopplings of the names of the native banks.

The native banks are of the opinion that if the dispute cannot be settled, they will have to employ a foreigner so that in the future if there is any exchange of foreign notes to be made this foreigner will, representing the native banks, go to deal straight with the managers of the bigger banks and not through their compradore departments. The vernacular press states that Mr. Ho Jui, compradore of the Mercantile Bank of India, is now trying to settle the dispute for the two parties.

IRELAND MOURNS.

LATE VICE-PRESIDENT'S FUNERAL.

Dublin, July 13. An extraordinary air of impressiveness prevailed at the funeral of Vice-President Kevin O'Higgins, who was assassinated on Sunday. Business was practically suspended and schools were closed.

Half a million people watched the draped gun-carriage in its progress from St. Andrew's Church to the Glasnevin cemetery, and thousands wept openly.

Scores of women fainted in the crush, overcome with emotion and the heat. The hush in the church was broken only by the sound of stifled sobbing.

Mrs. O'Higgins was a frail, pathetic figure, on the verge of collapse. With her was Governor General O'Higgins, three sisters two brothers and Mr. Cosgrave. The only words spoken in English were those used in prayers requesting repose of the soul.

The late Mr. O'Higgins' relatives, members of the Dail, Senate, Consular offices, Judiciary, military and civil authorities, and the Universities, followed the coffin on foot, also local organisations from the countryside.

At Westminster Cathedral.

Earl Balfour, Lord Birkenhead, Sir Austen Chamberlain, Chief Justice Cave, Mr. Churchill, and Mr. Amery, together with representatives of Mr. Baldwin and other Cabinet Ministers, also former Ministers of the Dominions, and representatives of the relatives of the late Mr. O'Higgins, formed part of a large representative congregation at Westminster Cathedral at the Requiem Mass for Mr. O'Higgins.

The Irish Free State flag was placed on the catafalque as a pall. An Irish priest officiated.—*Reuter*.

JULY 14.

FRENCH NATIONAL DAY COMMEMORATED.

A reception was held by the French Consul, M. G. Dufauré de la Prade, at 13, Peak Road, this morning, as part of the celebrations of the French National Day. The reception was in the nature of a semi-official "at home," and was attended by His Excellency the Governor, members of the Government, representatives of the Services, and many prominent residents. It was followed by another reception when many French residents and others were present.

H. E. the Governor arrived about 11.30, accompanied by Capt. C. H. Steele, A.D.C. Others present included the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, (Colonial Secretary), the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, (Attorney General), the Hon. Mr. Mel Messer (Colonial Treasurer), Major General C. G. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., accompanied by Lieut. R. F. Johnston, A.D.C., the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, (C.S.P.), the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax C.B.E., C.M.G., (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kote-wall, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. H. T. Jackson, (acting D.P.W.), Commodore J. L. Pearson, accompanied by Pay. Cdr. H. Rogers, O.B.E., Lt. Com. G. F. Hole R.N. (Harbour Master), Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Rev. Father Spada and the following Consuls: Mr. H. Schantz and Mr. L. W. Franklin (America), Mr. J. T. Bagram (Siam), Mr. M. J. Quist (Holland), Mr. J. M. de Rocha (Costa Rica), Mr. A. L. C. de Albuquerque Castro (Portugal), Dr. W. Wagner (Germany), Mr. R. Vallerino (Panama), and Mr. Georges Bokius (Belgium).

The toast to His Majesty the King was proposed by M. de la Prade, and that to the President of the French Republic by His Excellency the Governor. All warships in harbour to-day were dressed in honour of the occasion, and a salute was fired at mid-day.

The day is celebrated as the anniversary of the French Republic as it was on July 14, 1789, during the revolution in which the citizen-soldiers of Paris opposed the King's army and captured the Bastille, the mysterious dark fortress which personified the ancient regime. The taking of the Bastille secured the triumph of the revolution.

DISCOVERY OF A DAGGER.

SEYMOUR TERRACE MURDER DEVELOPMENT.

According to reports in the local vernacular press, new light is supposed to have been shed on the Seymour Terrace murder, in which an old Chinese lady of a well-known family was gagged and suffocated by robbers, who are believed to have made a big haul from her safe in the form of bank notes of large denomination.

It appears that, though the police made a thorough search of the room where the tragedy occurred, and other parts of the house, and found nothing of an incriminating nature, they found, on another search last Monday, that a dagger was lying under the bed of a woman related to the deceased.

After this discovery, one of the amahs employed at the place was taken to the police station for searching interrogation, the vernacular papers add, but she has since been released, as well as a man-servant who had been detained in connexion with the affair.

The reward for information concerning the murder has been increased from \$250. to \$1,000.

LOCAL WILLS.

CANTON MAN'S ESTATE IN HONGKONG.

Resending of letters of administration of the will of Mr. William Linn Fernie have been granted to Mr. D. E. Blake, solicitor, the attorney of Mr. Maurice Bloomfield Brown, the executor.

Deceased died in Shanghai on March 6, 1926, leaving net estate of 12,900 taels. Property in Hongkong is valued at \$4,700, the whole estate being bequeathed to the widow.

Probate of the will of Mrs. Laura Maria da Rocha has been granted to Mr. Joao Maria da Rocha, of 2 Connaught Road Central, Hongkong. Deceased left estate in Hongkong of \$16,400 and provided annuities for her nephew, Mr. Francisco Xavier de Rocha, and her brother Mr. Jose Antonio da Rocha.

Mr. Chan Chee-king, alias Chan Chiu-ping, who died in Canton, left Hongkong estate of \$44,000. Probate of the will has been granted to Messrs. Chan Cho-pui and Chan Yee-chung, the executors and sole beneficiaries under the will.

OUR WAR PENSION PAYMENTS.

COMPARISON WITH LATE ALLIES.

AHEAD OF OTHER NATIONS.

London, July 13. In the House of Commons, in the course of a Ministry of Pensions vote, a comparative table of expenditure thereon showed that Britain and the Dominions had expended in 1925-26 a total of \$86,000,000, being an annual *per capita* charge of 27 shillings; France \$37,750,000, and 18s. 6d. *per capita*; Germany \$60,000,000, and 19s. 2d.; and the United States \$46,000,000 and 8s. 3d.—*Reuter*.

War's Aftermath.

London, July 13. Comparative figures of the expenditure on war pensions by some of the principal belligerent Powers of the late war were given in the House of Commons to-day, when a pensions vote of \$57,250,000 for all classes of pensions was under discussion.

This amount represents an 8 per cent. decrease on last year's figure, due to deaths of pensioners and their dependents, to 60,000 more children reaching the age at which pensions were no longer payable, and to the re-marriage of a further 4,500.

The expenditure of the Ministry in 1925-26 was in round figures \$66,500,000.

The year's expenditure on Great War pensions for the same period in the Dominions of Australia and New Zealand, Canada, South Africa and Newfoundland was \$19,500,000, making a total for the United Kingdom and Dominions of no less than \$86,000,000, equivalent to an annual charge of 27 shillings from every man, woman and child in a population of 64,000,000.

The statement disclosed how much greater are the British *per capita* payments.

No Niggardliness.

Discussing these figures, Colonel Stanley, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions, said they were very striking, and showed that the British Empire had not been niggardly in the way they had treated the sufferers in the war.

Referring to the maintenance of children under the pensions from the Ministry, Colonel Stanley said \$98,500,000 had been spent under this heading since 1917, and the annual expenditure which was of course diminishing was now about \$8,000,000.

"The expenditure on the administration of the Pensions Ministry this year was reduced by 14 per cent., but the expenditure on benefits had fallen by only 3½ per cent.—*British Wireless*.

SHIPMASTER FINED.

BREACH OF PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Lieut. Commr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., Captain J. J. Bruhn, master of s.s. Phra-nang, was charged with, (a) being a healthy ship did fail to hoist the Quarantine flag on arriving from Haiphong, and (b) failing to proceed to the Quarantine Anchorage on arrival from Haiphong on July 9.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges.

Dr. K. S. Cheeh, Assistant Health Officer of the port, went into the box and gave details of the offences, stating that when he boarded the vessel which was proceeding to a buoy, he discovered that she was from Haiphong, which port was stated to be infected. The vessel was not flying the Q flag at the time.

The master, admitting the facts of the case as outlined, said that his agent at Haiphong had informed him that the port was clean, and it would be unnecessary to go into quarantine on arrival at Hongkong.

His Worship, in inflicting a fine of \$50, informed accused that he had committed a serious offence that could not be overlooked.

COXSWAIN MISSING.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

Efforts to find Lo Tai, the Chinese coxswain of the ill-fated s.s. Leung Kwong have failed, and he is believed to have left the Colony. He is not to be found at his last known address, No. 15 Centre Street.

In their finding at the inquest on the victims who were drowned when the Leung Kwong came into collision with the steam launch Moonshine, the special jury considered that the coxswain of the Leung Kwong should answer a charge of manslaughter and brought in a verdict to that effect.

BIG FIRMS TO COME TOGETHER.

ARMSTRONG AND VICKERS' "CONVERSATIONS."

An important working agreement between the two world-famous engineering and armament firms of Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., Ltd., and Vickers, Ltd., which between them have issued capital and debenture stocks amounting to more than \$35,000,000 was definitely foreshadowed at the Armstrong, Whitworth annual meeting at Newcastle last month.

Mr. J. Frater Taylor, the vice-chairman, announced that conversations were taking place between directors of the two firms, and that there was every likelihood of a successful outcome.

It is considered in well-informed circles (says the *Daily Express*) that Mr. Frater Taylor's public reference to the conversations indicates the signing of an agreement at a nearby date.

It is understood that the proposals are for an agreement regarding marketing and production, and also the exchange of certain technical information.

When it is signed it will be the first great step towards the re-organisation of the British engineering industries, along lines of greater efficiency and co-operation.

Such co-operation has become essential in consequence of the increasing competition by European concerns, and the formation of the European steel cartel.

Other famous British firms are likely to follow Armstrong's and Vickers' example, which may be expected to begin a new era of close co-operation in British engineering.

Could Take Revolver and Shoot the Lot.

A net loss of more than £500,000 on the year's working was announced at the meeting, and a large writing down of the capital foreshadowed.

Mr. Taylor announced the opening of negotiations for the sale of the Newfoundland Paper & Power Company, in which Armstrong's have an important investment, to the International Paper Company, of New York. He stated that they had disposed of their investment in the Armstrong-Siddely Company and in Charles Wainman's Co., Ltd. He admitted in the course of his speech that the annual report was far from satisfactory.

Consideration was being given he continued, to the necessity of substantially writing down the plant and properties and investments.

As to the future, Mr. Frater Taylor said that included in the possibilities were closer working arrangements with Vickers. It might be that in such arrangements a way would be found which would be mutually beneficial, but all he was able to say was that conversations were taking place.

The outlook for general engineering business was more encouraging, and lack of armament orders was being partly compensated for by the manufacture of other products. They were building, or had contracts for, 16 ships, and hoped to increase this number.

It has been suggested in some quarters that Armstrongs are retiring or giving up some of their main business, because we have

"THE SQUEAKETTES."

LAST NIGHT'S TROOP CONCERT.

A bright and breezy programme was presented by "The Squeakettes," at "The Better Ole," Peking Road, Kowloon, last evening, under the auspices of the Entertainment Sub-Committee. As usual this popular concert party attracted a large number of troops, who were given a thoroughly enjoyable time.

The programme included songs—the choruses being sung with hearty good will—dances, nursery rhymes of London Town, and a pantomime rehearsal of "Cinderella." The song "Susan Shineth Shoes all Day" was a popular number as was "The Raggedy Man." Another particularly enjoyable item was "The Toy Soldier," the part being taken by Capt. Steel, A.D.C., who created much fun in "drilling" the girls.

Mrs. C. Russell-Brown arranged the programme and those taking part were the Misses Carothers, and Ellaby; Misses Charles, Cornaby, Grimbly, Evers, D. Browne, Greig, Tod, Grossman, Marcel, Hall and Murray. Also Mrs. C. Russell-Brown, Capt. Steel, Surg. Lieut. Bradfield, R.N., and Lt. D. M. Rycroft, R.E.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

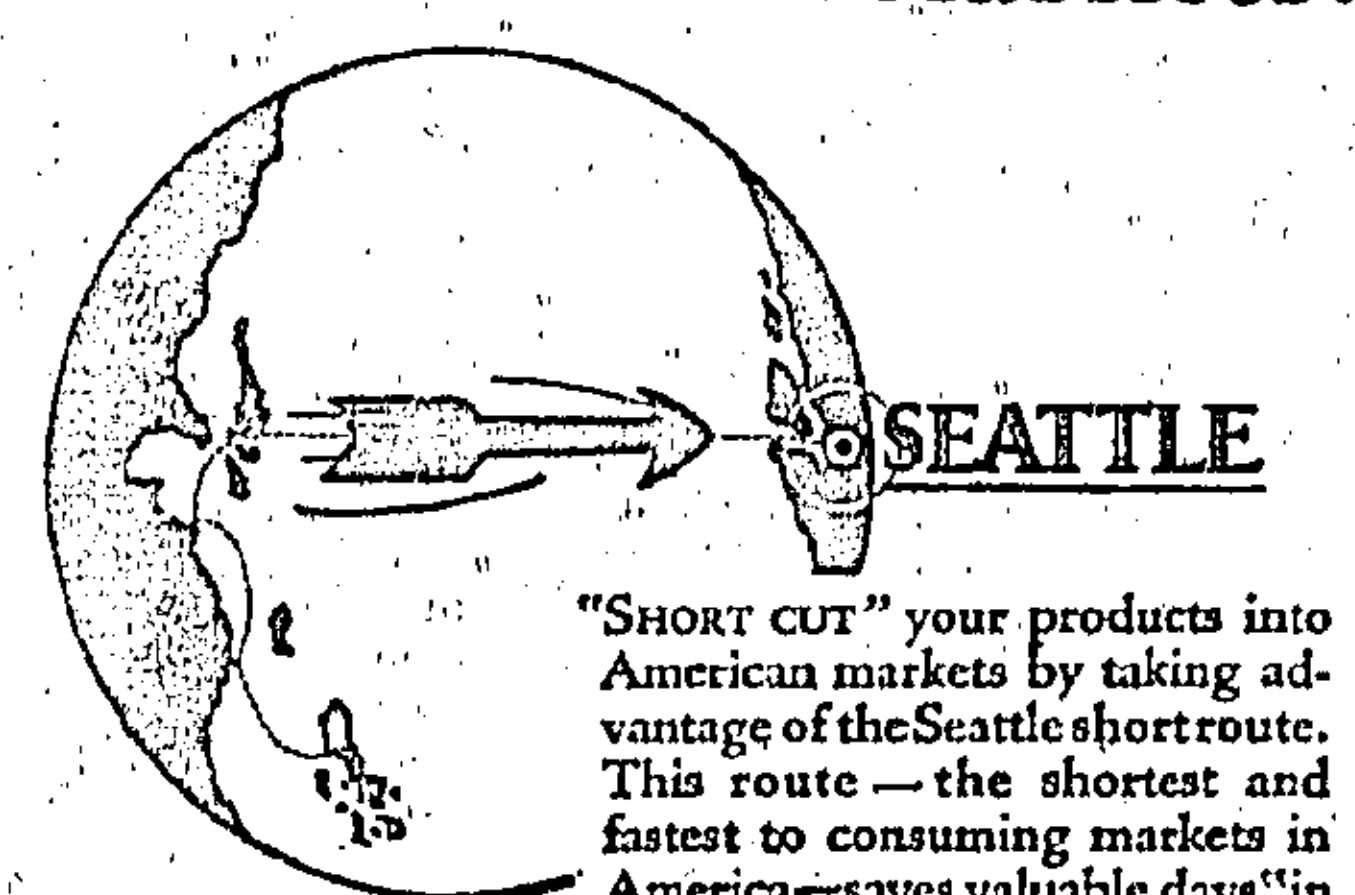
Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

- 1.—What is the mean distance from the earth of (a) the sun (b) the moon?
- 2.—What is the size (a) of the sun, (b) of the moon, compared with that of the earth?
- 3.—What are the principal Semitic languages?
- 4.—To what great family of languages does English belong?
- 5.—What is the origin of the expression: "It's all my eye and Betty Martin"?
- 6.—What is the chief difference between veins and arteries?
- 7.—What is the Bodleian Library?
- 8.—Who was the author of "Pilgrim's Progress"?
- 9.—What was the Long Parliament?
- 10.—What are the Pillars of Hercules?
- 11.—What is the Venus of Milo?
- 12.—Who was Charles Martel?
- 13.—What was the origin of the name "John Bull"?
- 14.—What is the Woolsack?
- 15.—Whence came the name of Piccadilly?

been reducing our commitments in businesses undertaken since the war, he said. There is no vestige of truth in the statement that we are ceasing activity in any branch of the main business, and, in fact, we are doing much work now in our own shops which we formerly gave out to other concerns.

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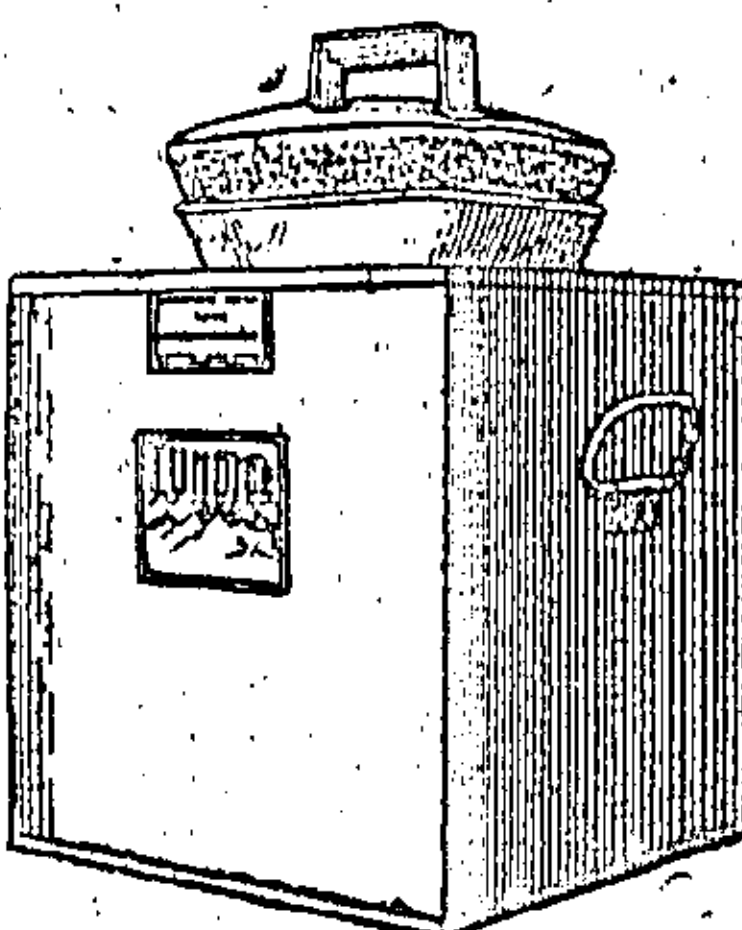
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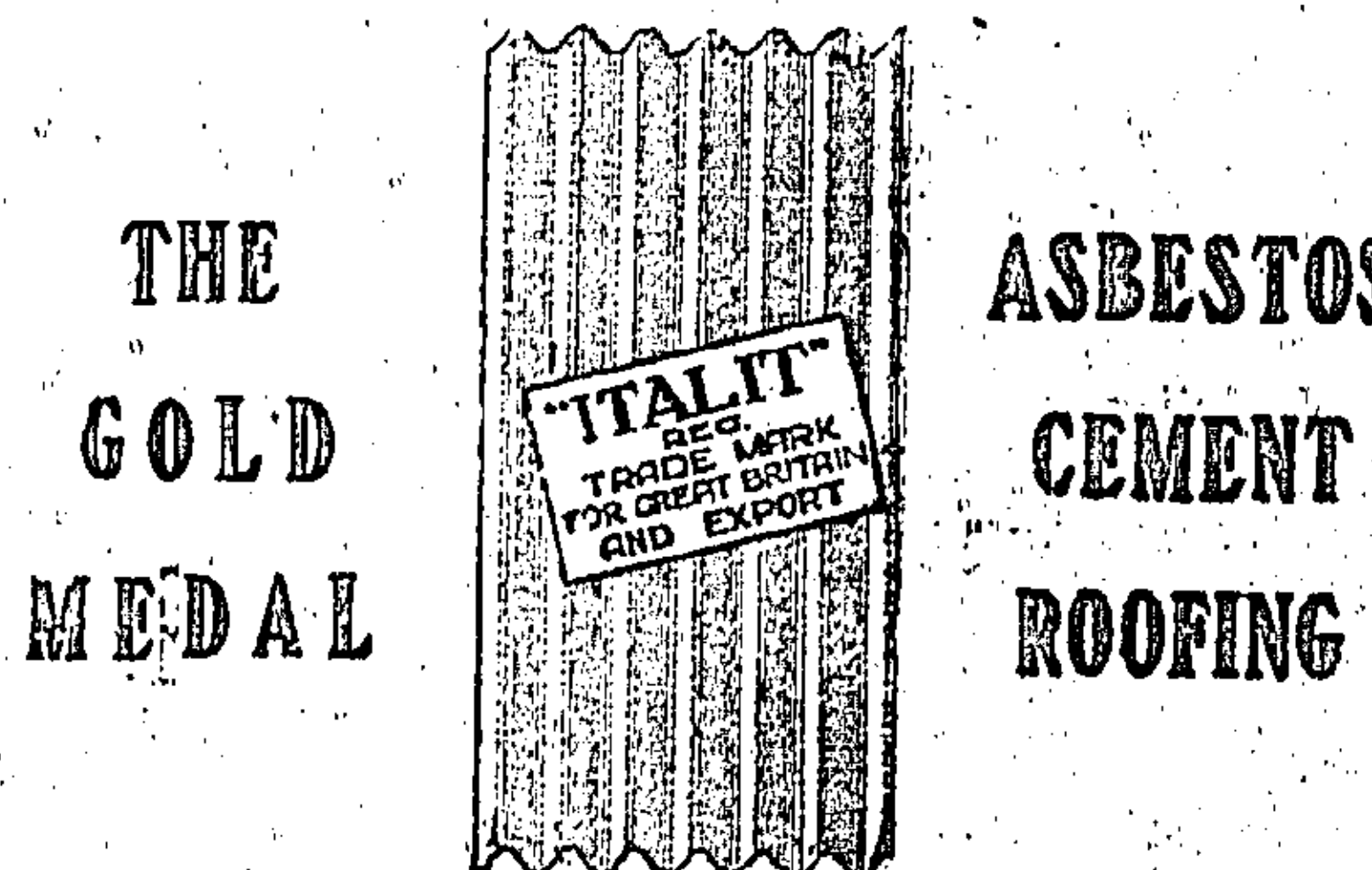
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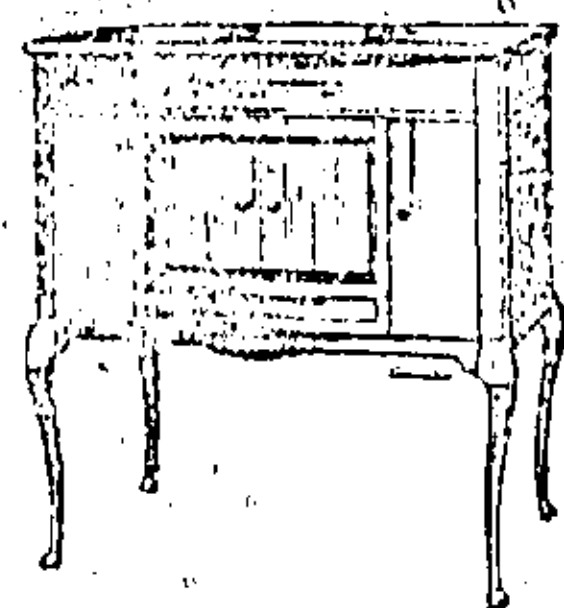
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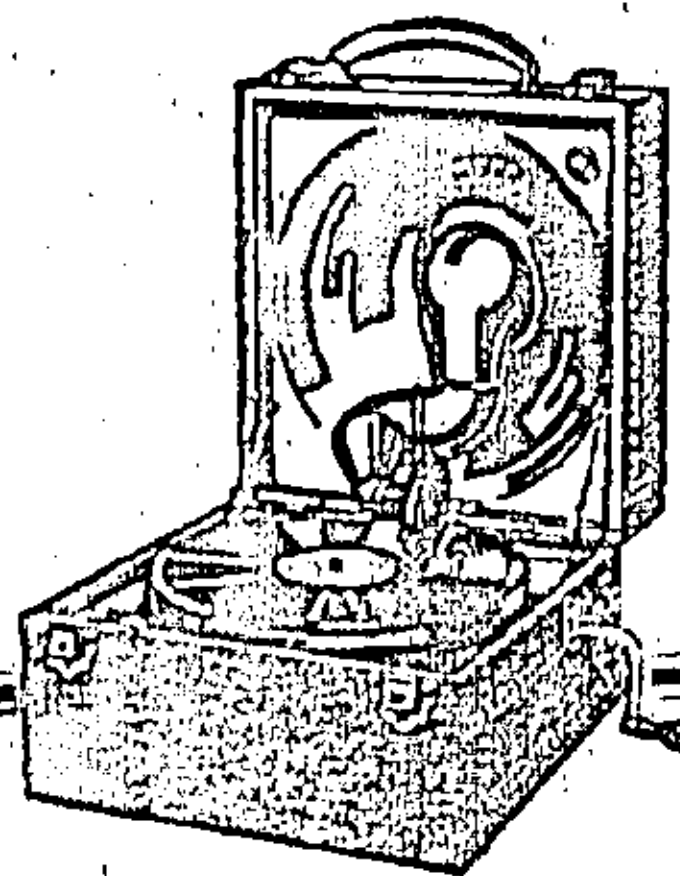
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BUILDING DISPUTE.

MAN ABSCONDS AFTER
MAKING CONTRACT.

An action concerning the alleged sale of building material was heard in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon when Kwok Yau-kee claimed \$1,000 being money due for goods sold to Wong Kwai-kee.

Mr. J. T. Prior was for the plaintiff and Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask for the defendant.

Mr. Prior said that the claim was over \$2,000, but plaintiff waived over a thousand dollars to bring the claim within the jurisdiction of the Court. Plaintiff made a contract with a man called Chan Tik-chung to supply goods, labour and material, on property on a Kowloon inland lot.

At that time plaintiff dealt only with Chan Tik-chung and knew nothing of the owners of the property, who, as a matter of fact were the Fook On Insurance Co. Some time after the contract was made Chan Tik-chung absconded, owing the plaintiff about \$2,000, which was due to be paid, about two days before he disappeared.

Absconding Debtor.

Hoping that the terms of the contract would be carried out and that the man would return, plaintiff carried on with the work, spending another \$1,000 in wages, etc. At length he realised that the man was not likely to return. He was then approached by the present defendant and another man in connexion with the sale of his goods on the property.

They were sold on May 15, 1927. A list was made and prices stated and the defendant took no objection to them. Plaintiff was to get nothing out of the original contract, but by selling the goods merely got himself out of an awkward position.

Plaintiff gave evidence bearing out Mr. Prior's opening and said that he knew nothing about the owners of the property but understood that the man who absconded was the only person concerned.

Told to Use Materials.

The defence raised was that the goods alleged to have been sold were not bought by the defendant who understood that plaintiff was a sub-contractor to the man who had absconded and not the principal contractor, who had drawn \$5,000 from the owners of the property in connexion with the work.

The defendant said the owners asked him to complete the build-

KOWLOON MATTERS.

QUESTION OF BATHING
FACILITIES.

The usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association took place in St. Andrew's Hall, Kowloon, last Monday evening.

In the absence of the President (Mr. W. J. Stokes), Mr. B. Wylie occupied the chair.

In the matter of increased public bathing facilities on the Peninsula, the Committee had written to the Government requesting accommodation on the small beach east of the pier at Castle Peak. To this request a reply had been received pointing out that the report of the Bathing Beaches Committee had definitely recommended the bay at Cheung Sha rather than the one at Castle Peak for public bathing. Government did not feel justified in spending further public money on bathing facilities this year but hoped to include provision for this site in 1928.

With reference to the planting of shade trees at Kowloon Tong, copies of letters between Government and the Kowloon Tong Subscribers' Association had been received, but in the absence of a decision by the Botanical and Forestry Department the General Committee decided not to express its views in the meantime.

The Association's representative on the Board of Education made a brief report on conditions in the Central British School.

A general discussion took place following further complaints regarding the unsatisfactory condition of the gas street lighting on Nathan Road and the dangers attendant on the lack of dimming facilities on many of the motor buses. It was decided to defer action until next month, the Hon. Secretary being instructed to produce all previous correspondence on these two subjects.

The Hon. Treasurer reported a credit balance of \$1,004.02 and a membership of 298.

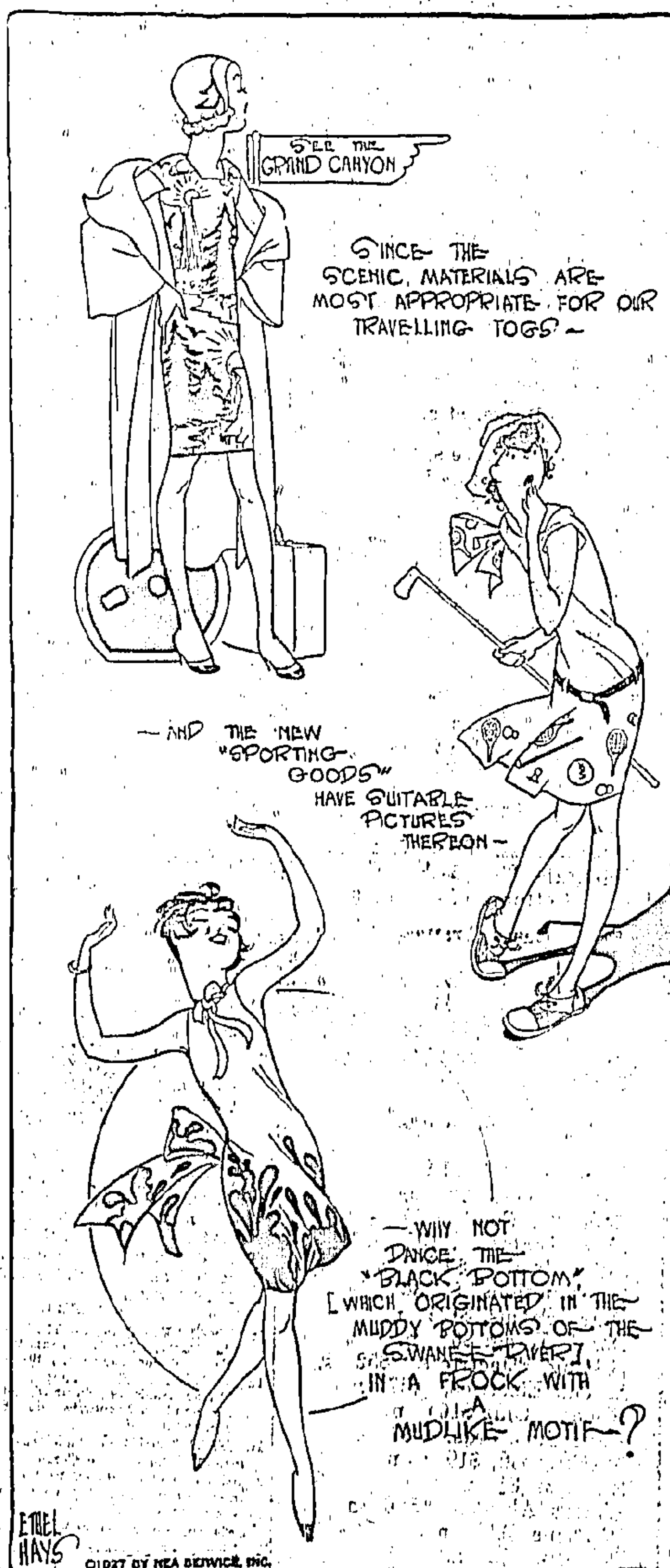
Mr. Lam Ming-fan joined the Association during the past month.

ing of four houses. There was certain material already on the site and he was told that he could use it in the building. He denied ever buying material from the plaintiff.

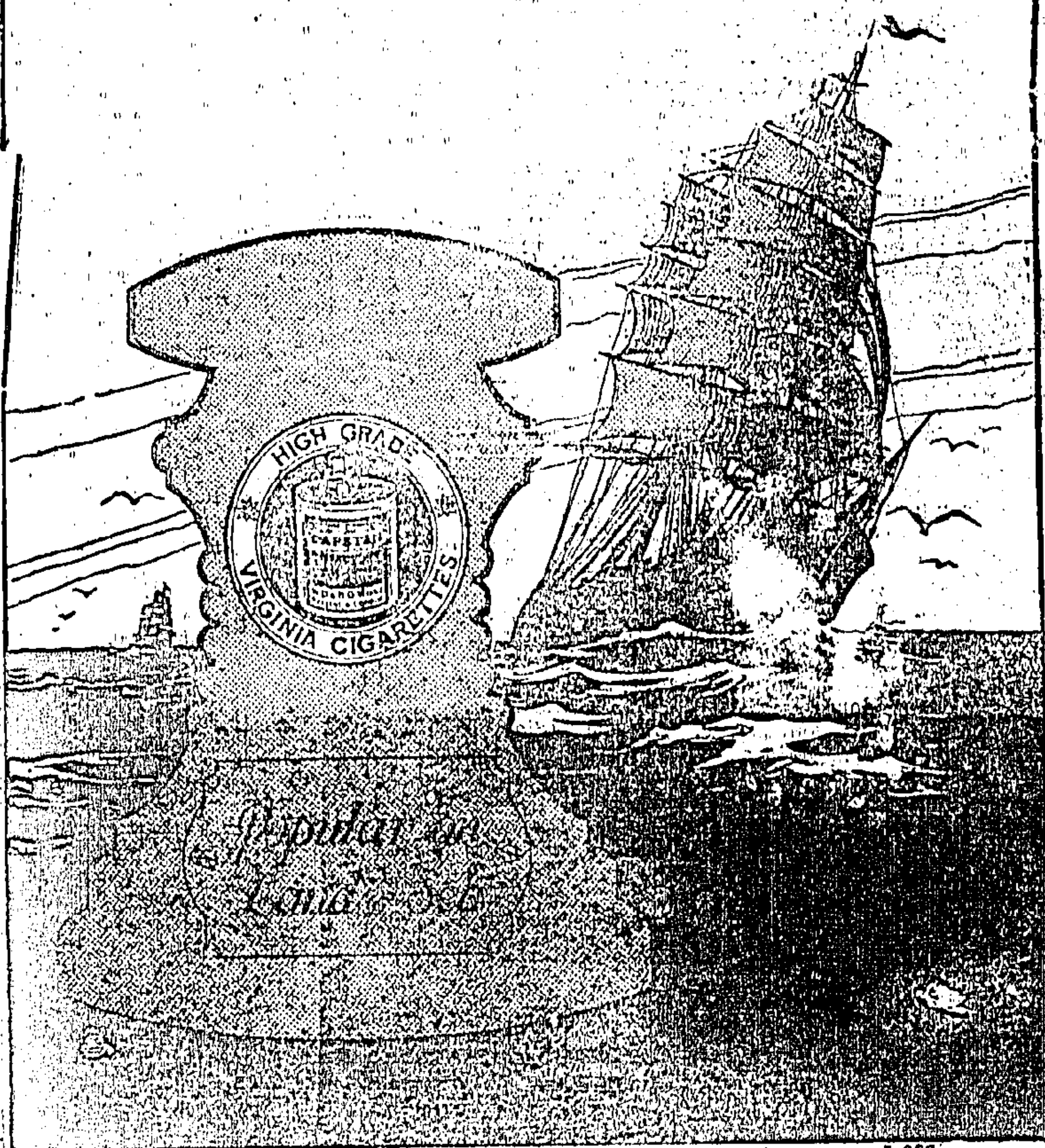
The owner of the property corroborated and said he had never had dealings with the plaintiff.

Judgment was given for the defendant.

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By connecting a wire to the street mains, electricity for the use of a huge 150 candle-power light was being consumed by the inmates of an electric shop of Sai Kung Road, Kowloon City, at the expense of the China Light and Power Co., and as the result of being detected the proprietor of the premises was charged with larceny before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong, appeared for the complainants and Mr. H. S. Loseby represented the defendant. In pleading not guilty, Mr. Loseby said that he admitted that electric current was stolen, but his defence was that the accused had no knowledge of the act.

Mr. Armstrong said that the defendant had insulated an electric wire to the Company's mains and was using a 150 candle-power light in his premises. Mr. C. H.

MRS. BORODIN.

ORDERED RELEASED WITH
HER COMPANIONS.

Shanghai, July 13.
Mrs. Borodin and the three other Russian prisoners, who have been held in custody in Peking for some months, were released yesterday afternoon.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

Miles and Mr. Pickett visited the premises on information received and found the defendant in the shop, together with the China Light and Power Co. cashier.

Evidence of the raid was given, after which the cashier was called. He stated that on the instructions of the Europeans, he asked the defendant who had connected the wire and the accused admitted that "We did it."

The defendant denied that he was aware the light had been burning on his premises, as he had always returned to his residence at 10 p.m. on other nights. On this occasion Mr. Miles and Mr. Pickett visited the shop at midnight on

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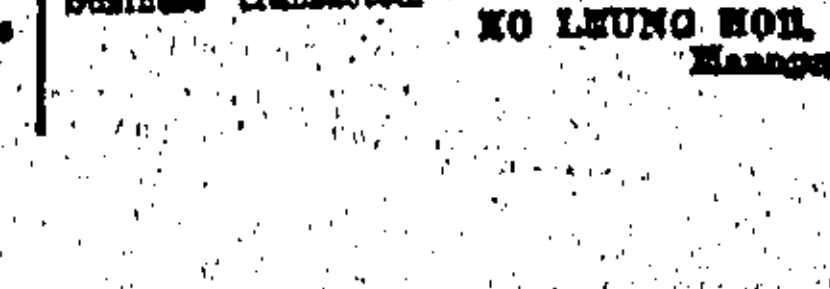
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Sunday July 3, and he was just about to leave, having been delayed by certain business.

He was told after the Company's employees arrived that one of the foks had connected the wire.

His Worship found the defendant guilty of larceny remarking that he did not entirely believe his story that he had no knowledge of the 150 candle power light burning in the shop.
A fine of \$75 was imposed.

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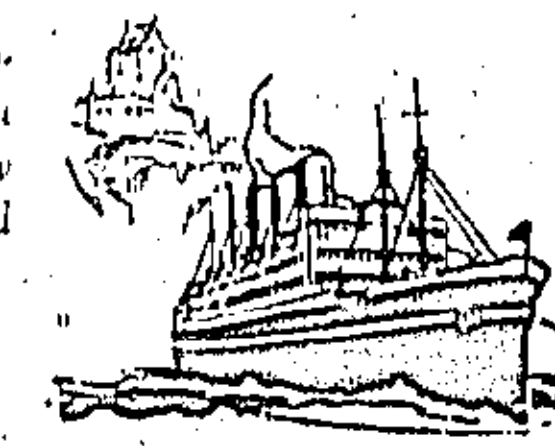
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Aug. 24	Seattle	Berengaria	Sept. 21	C'brg S'mptn Sept. 27
Aug. 30	San Francisco	Homeric	Oct. 1	C'brg S'mptn Oct. 7
Sept. 7	Seattle	Aquitania	Oct. 5	C'brg S'mptn Oct. 11
Sept. 13	San Francisco	Majestic	Oct. 15	C'brg S'mptn Oct. 21
Sept. 21	Seattle	Leviathan	Oct. 22	C'brg S'mptn Oct. 28
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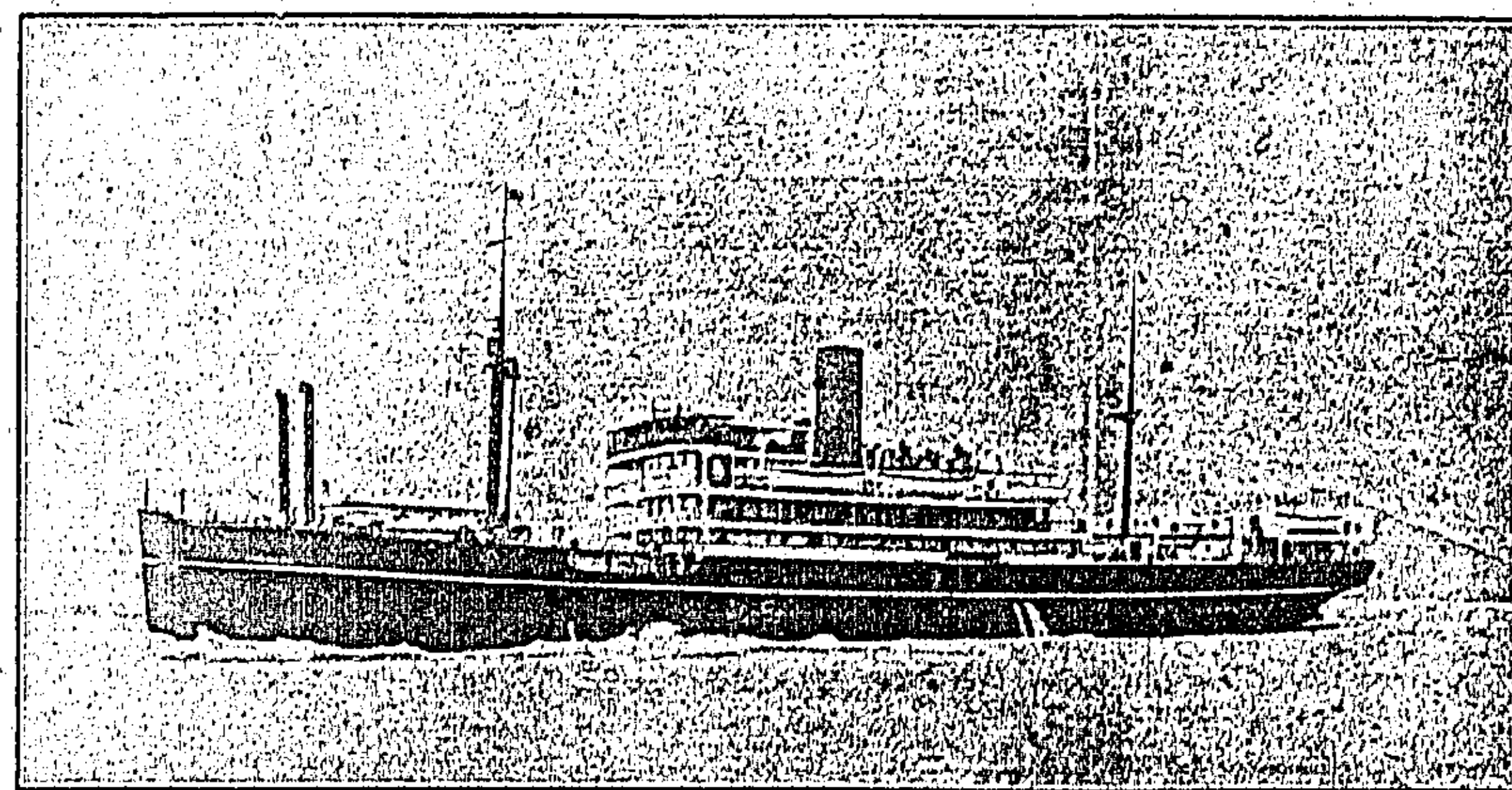
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DEVANHA	8,155	5th Aug.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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Tjilaroea	Batavia	24th July	28th July	Shanghai
Tjikarang	S'hai, K'lung	26th July	28th July	Batavia
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SHANGHAI	Chakang	Fri. 22nd July at 10 a.m.
OSAKA Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe Hopsang	Satur. 23 July	at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Kwasang	Sun. 24th July	at 10 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Hopsang	Wed. 27th July	at 10 a.m.
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SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Satur. 30th July at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Mingsang	Sun. 31st July at 8 a.m.
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OSAKA via Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kumsang	Tues. 2nd Aug	at 7 a.m.
Yokohama & Kobe		
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Definite steps have already been taken towards the erection of a hut. The Military Authorities have given permission for its erection on War Department Land and the Y.M.C.A. Directors have instructed their architects to prepare plans for a building, to cost, approximately, \$15,000. The need for conservation of funds is, therefore, apparent.

With reference to sales of refreshments, etc., in the two branches, an effort has been made to provide good stocks at cheapest possible prices, in which matter leading firms have given every assistance. Prices are fixed on a basis that it is hoped will cover cost and no more. In the first three months of operation, March to May, a nett loss of \$170 was incurred in the business of the branches.

Operating expenses are low, owing to having free premises and ample voluntary assistance. In addition to assistance from about 200 ladies, one worker is provided by the European Y.M.C.A. free of cost and the salary of a new worker, recently employed for the Peking Road branch, is provided by the English National Council of the Y.M.C.A. out of its Shanghai Fund. The General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. and the Secretary of the European Y.M.C.A. are both giving their services free to the Naval & Military work, with the sanction of the Board of Directors.

Accounts to be Published.

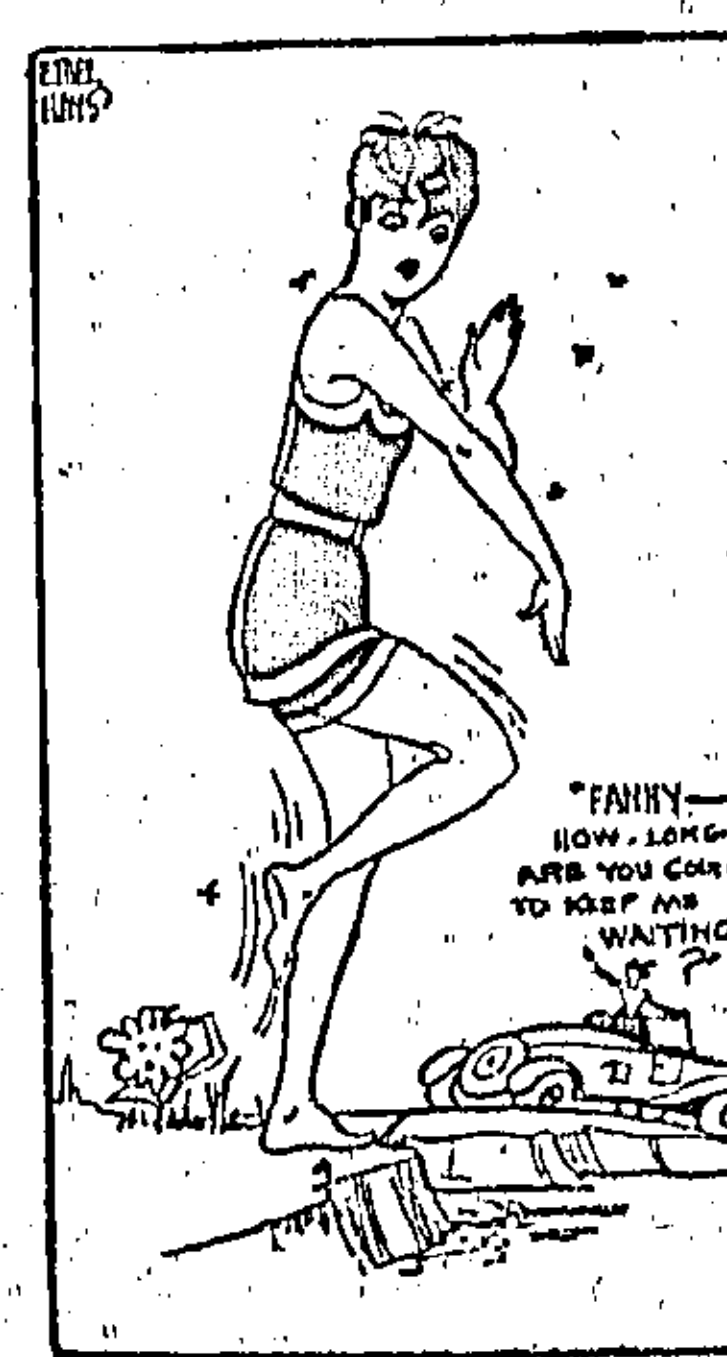
The Naval & Military accounts are audited monthly by Chartered Accountants, Messrs. Thomson & Co., who are giving their services free of charge, and it is the intention of the Directors to publish accounts after six months' working.

The local Directors do not consider that Y.M.C.A. work should stop at the sale of refreshments and the providing of entertainments. It activities are extended and diversified to make the life of the troops more homelike. They will be glad to furnish all information available to any one who cares to approach them.

TO PROMOTE TRADE.**MEETING OF CHINESE COMMITTEE.**

A meeting of the eight members of the Trade Revival Committee, selected by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, took place yesterday afternoon in the Chamber's room in Connaught Road Central.

The meeting was of a private nature and the Press was not admitted. It is learned, however, that certain practical schemes were laid before the Committee. Owing to their nature it was not thought advisable to give publicity to them at the moment.



Mosquitoes and ants are pests on picnics.

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BOLSHEVIST CHARGES.

SIR R. HODGSON'S EFFECTIVE
REPLY.

SOVIET METHODS.

Sir Robert Hodgson, British
Diplomatic representative in Mos-
cow before the recent break, has
issued the following statement:

Allegations emanating from
Moscow of illicit practices by
members of the British Mission
in Moscow, which have recently
been repeated in the British Press,
cannot be allowed to pass without
challenge. They are contained,
so far, in three pronouncements,
namely, a speech by M. Rykoff, an
official *communique* from the So-
viet Government, and a report
printed in the evening newspapers
of June 10, announcing the execu-
tion in Moscow of 20 persons, of
whom four are stated to have been
spies in British employ.

M. Rykoff quotes in full a letter
addressed by Mr. Preston in Len-
ingrad so long ago as 1924 to Mr.
Jerram, a member of the staff of
the British Mission in Moscow.
The letter alludes to a request re-
ceived from the Department of
Overseas Trade by Mr. Peters, ask-
ing for information regarding the
possibilities for selling "fine chemi-
cals" in Russia. Mr. Preston,
not understanding the expression
"fine chemicals," asks Mr. Jerram
to explain it to him. He adds that
he is afraid of employing "Russian
birds" for collecting the informa-
tion demanded by the Department
of Overseas Trade, as he fears that
they may expose themselves to
being "hanged, drawn and quartered
by the State Political Depart-
ment for spying." In other words,
Mr. Preston anticipates that, should
he ask Russians to help him in ob-
taining information on what is ob-
viously a perfectly innocent matter,
they are liable to be treated as
spies and summarily executed.

The question arises: Were Mr.
Preston's apprehensions justified?
M. Rykoff proceeds to show, by the
examples which he quotes of G. P.
J. (Political Police) justice, that
they were. He mentions the case
of "Peshkoff," a former officer of
the Kolchak army, and one, Filin,
shot for supplying information on
military matters to Mr. Charnock,
of the British Mission.

The Facts About Peshkoff.

Peshkoff—who, incidentally, was
never an officer in the Kolchak
Army, but had civilian employment
at Omsk in Kolchak's time—had
been an officer in the Imperial Rus-
sian Navy. On the arrival of the
British Mission in Moscow in 1921
he was put into contact with me by
a woman of the name of Dahl, who
was a secret agent of the G. P. U.
and had been in Siberia in the
Kolchak time. Temporary
employment was given to him by
the representative of the Canadian
Pacific Railway Company in Mos-
cow. Shortly afterwards he was
arrested, together with his wife
and a large number of other persons,
on a charge of having
organized, under my instructions,
a counter-revolutionary movement
in Siberia. I sought the assis-
tance of M. Karakhan, who most
courteously promised to look into
the matter.

The whole charge was shown
to be a mare's nest. Peshkoff
and the other persons involved
were set at liberty and nothing
further was heard of the matter.
Peshkoff returned to his employ-
ment with the C.P.R., and, being
a capable and hard-working man,
was most useful in organizing the
firm's office. He remained in
their employ till May, 1925, when
he again was arrested. The
nature of the charge against him
has never transpired until now,
though it was generally suspected
to have been espionage for the
benefit of Great Britain.

The accomplices whom M.
Rykoff mentions were friends of
Peshkoff for whom he had found
employment in the C. P. R. office.
It stands to reason that, after the
Dahl affair, (1) Peshkoff was the
last person in Russia who was
likely to work as a spy for Great
Britain; and (2) the last person
to whom I was likely to apply for
information. In fact, though the
acquaintance between the British
Mission and Peshkoff was main-
tained, it was deliberately con-
fined to a minimum in order to
diminish the risks of criminal
significance being attributed to it.
The accusation quoted by M.
Rykoff that Peshkoff and his
friend were engaged in espionage
work is utterly and entirely with-
out foundation.

The Case of Filin.

Even more fantastic is the case
of Filin. He was a young officer
in the Red Army whose wife was
a friend from childhood of Mrs.
Charnock. He had a post imme-
diately under the Revolutionary
Military Council and in that capa-
city was doubtless in a position
to procure information on matters
of military importance. It was
precisely for this reason that Mr.
Charnock kept away from him and
avoided any dealings with him
which might conceivably compro-
mise him. He met him in all some
four or five times during the five

ATLANTIC EPIC.

TWO SAILORS AND A
WOMAN DROWNED.

CALIFORNIA TRAGEDY.

Glasgow.—A deed of great
heroism, with a tragic sequel, is
reported in a wireless message re-
ceived in Glasgow from the An-
chor liner California, on its way
from New York to the Clyde.

The vessel was about 600 miles
West of Ireland about noon, when
a woman passenger slipped over-
board, and two sailors jumped
into the sea in an effort to save
her.

The California was travelling
at such a speed that the three
persons in the sea were soon far
astern, and before a boat could
be lowered, or the vessel put about
to go to their rescue, the woman
and the two sailors had disap-
peared, and all three were drown-
ed.

Rescue Attempt.

The woman passenger was a
Mrs. Louisa Traynor, who was
travelling from America to visit
her mother and father, Mr. and
Mrs. Rodger, who live in Galloway-
terrace, Kirkintilloch, Dumbarton-
shire.

The men who gave their lives
in the attempt at rescue were
Alister Gilchrist, an able seaman,
and John McIsaac, an ordinary
seaman, both Glasgow men. One
lived in Partick and the other in
the Langside district of the city.

An old and deaf man charged at
Bow-street with begging, had in
his possession 25 41 notes, 67 ten-
shilling notes and 82 shillings in
silver. He was fined £5.

and a half years the Mission was
in Moscow and then only in com-
pany. On no occasion did he dis-
cuss military matters with him.
It is only now that the nature of
the charge on which he was shot
is revealed.

With the accusations launched
by the Moscow *communique* it is
unnecessary to deal at length. Al-
legations that Mr. Vice-Consul
Waite was involved in plots to blow
up the Kremlin and the Grand
Theatre, &c., are so grotesquely
absurd that no good purpose
would be served by attempting to
disprove them. They are on a par
with other charges made against
the British from time to time by
the Soviet Press of having organ-
ized the *Piludski-coup d'etat* in Po-
land and the overthrow of the
Lithuanian Government, or at-
tempting the destruction of the
Leningrad Water Works, of plan-
ning to seize the islands of Dago
and Oesel in the Baltic, conspiring
to murder Reza Shah, and so on
ad infinitum.

Some of the Victims.

The list of persons reported to
have been shot by the Political
Police on June 9 demands more de-
tailed comment.

Vladimir Yvreinoff was in the
Imperial Russian Diplomatic Ser-
vice and was stationed at Teheran.
He lived in England for some time
after the war, but returned to Rus-
sia about 1923. He was given a post
in the State Bank in Moscow. He
was in touch with the British Mis-
sion, which he visited very occasion-
ally. I was particularly careful
not to encourage relations with
him, since his antecedents must
inevitably render him suspect to
the Soviet authorities. It is ab-
solutely untrue that he acted as
a spy for the British Mission.

Of Lycheff nothing is known.
Mr. Charnock has no one of the
name among his acquaintances.

Of "ex-Captain Korobenko" no-
thing is known. I was acquaint-
ed in Siberia with an officer of a
very similar name whom I met
once in the house of a mutual
friend in Moscow. I never saw
him again. In fact, the officer in
question refused under any con-
dition to renew his acquaintance.

I know no one of the name of
Mazurenko. Allusions have been made, and
doubtless will again, to so-called
"confessions" made by persons
arrested by the State Political De-
partment. These "confessions"
must be treated with the gravest
mistrust, for the G.P.U. officials
habitually endeavour to wring ad-
missions from their victims by
threats and by promising to re-
lease them on condition they sign
statements dictated to them.

Similarly, they employ the most
abominable measures of compul-
sion to induce people to act as
their agents. Among other cases
of the kind may be mentioned that
of Louise Koch, a maidservant of
the British Mission, who, on the
premises of the Commissariat for
Foreign Affairs, was threatened
with life-imprisonment unless she
acted as informer on me, and with
death if she revealed to me the
fact that she had been approach-
ed. It is unnecessary to demon-
strate that the informations sup-
plied by agents recruited in this
manner is entirely valueless.

FRENCH POLITICS.

COMMUNIST MOTION
REJECTED.

Paris, July 13.

The threat to the existence of
the Poincare Cabinet has been
ended by the Chamber, by 356 to
171 votes, rejecting a Communist
motion which would have in-
creased by about £6,000,000 the
expenditure proposed by the
Government for increasing the
salaries of civil servants.

Single-Chamber Constituencies.

The Senate by 213 to 67 has
adopted a Bill abolishing propor-
tional representation, and sub-
stituting the system of single-
chamber constituencies for the
Chamber.—*Reuter.*

RUSSIAN VENDETTA.

HUNDREDS OF ARRESTS.

Warsaw, July 13.

Refugees from Russia report
that the Soviet Government has
caused the arrest of hundreds of
people at Kiev in connection with
an alleged counter-revolutionary
plot, including a number of officers
of the Ukrainian army.

They also report that M. Grin-
kow, head of the Ukrainian Com-
munist party, has declared that
all those who have been arrested
will be sentenced to death.—
Reuter.

CHINA'S STRONG
PROTEST.

(Continued from Page 1.)

are hundreds of miles from
Shanghai, it is intended to with-
draw the whole or part of the
Shanghai Defence Force, Sir
Austen Chamberlain referred to
the answer he gave on July 6,
regarding the Indian Brigade's re-
turn, and added that two batteries
and certain ancillary units attach-
ed to the Indian Brigade were also
being withdrawn.

The Brigade was only sent be-
cause it could arrive quickly. It
was never intended to maintain it
there. When he mentioned re-
inforcements on July 6, he was
referring to troops which were
already in Shanghai apart from
the Indian Brigade.

As regards sickness among the
troops, Sir Austen said the Gov-
ernment had foreseen the difficul-
ties of climate, and the authorities
on the spot had taken every
precaution possible.—*Reuter.*

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

Mr. T. V. Soong Returns to
Hankow.

Hankow, July 13.

Mr. T. V. Soong returned on
Tuesday afternoon aboard a Bri-
tish steamer from Shanghai.
Troops continue to proceed down
river, while it is rumoured that
troops from Canton are approach-
ing Nanchang.—*Reuter.*

Successful Counter Attack.

Shanghai, July 13.

Foreign reports from Hsueh-
fu indicate that Chiang Kai-shek's
forces successfully counter-attack-
ed and recovered ground as far as
Lincheng.—*Reuter.*

Tsingtao Peaceful.

Tsingtao, July 13.

The present situation apparently
favours the North. Tsingtao is
perfectly peaceful and the situa-
tion is much easier.—*Reuter.*

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—

(a) 92,850,000 miles; (b) 238,800 miles. 2.
(a) Approximately one million times the size
of the earth; (b) Approximately one quarter
the size of the earth. 3. Arabic, Hebrew,
Syriac, and Ethiopic. 4. The Arvan family.
5. "Ah mih beate Martine." 6. The arteries
convey the blood from the heart to all parts of
the body. The veins convey the blood to the
heart. 7. The Oxford Library, restored by Sir
Thomas Bodley in 1567. 8. John Bunyan
(1628-1688). 9. The Parliament sitting from
November 2, 1640, to April 20, 1653. 10.
Rocks opposite to one another in Africa and
Spain at the entrance to the Straits of Gibraltar.
11. A statue of Venus, now in the
Louvre, of wonderful beauty by unknown
sculptor. 12. Son of Pagan d'Herbert. Crum-
bed the Saracen armies in 732. 13. A satire
of Dr. Arbuthnot (1675-1735), representing the
Gentlemen as a buff, bultheaded farmer.
14. A cushion on the Lord Chancellor's seat
in the House of Lords. 15. Piccadilly Hall,
the chief depot of piccadilly lace, much in
vogue during the reign of Queen Elizabeth.
Called Piccadilly lace on account of its little
square points (a diminutive of pike, a pike or
spike).

Bridge has aroused such a storm
of interest and rivalry among wo-
men at Budapest that they are
banned from card clubs by an of-
ficial decree. The decree was
prompted by a free-for-all fight in
which two prominent women ex-
changed blows over an error in
their score.

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